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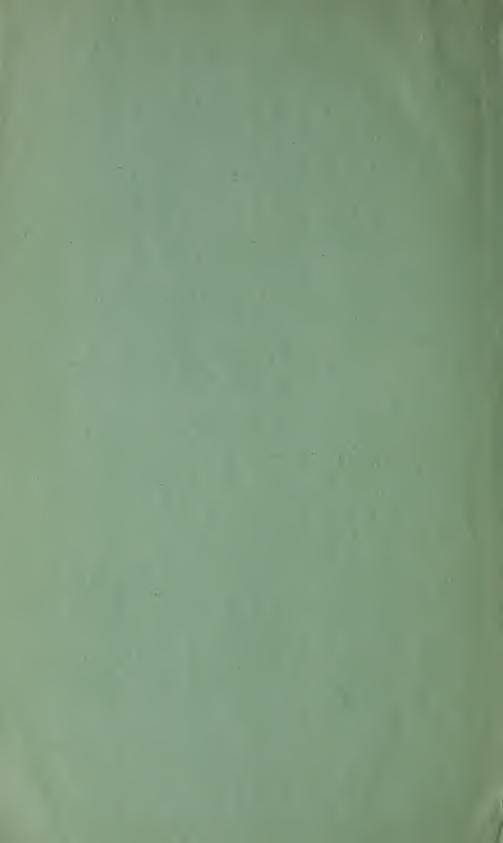
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SESSION OF 1879.

First Day's Proceedings.

H. USE OF REPRESENTATIVES,) State o L uisi na. New Orleans, Monday, January 6, 1879.

In accordance with section -, act No. -. session of 1877, at the hour of 12 m., the Chief Clerk of the late House of Representatives called the members elect of the House to order, and read the following communication from the Secretary of State:

Office of Secretary of State, New Orleans, January 4, 1879.) To Peter J. Trezevant, Esq., Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of

Sir-I have the honor to transmit to you the names of the following persons who have received the greatest number of votes for the office of Representatives in the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana from the several parishes and Representative Districts of the city of New Orleans at the last general election held throug out the State of Louisiana on the fifth day of November, A. D. 1878, according to the proclamation of his Excellency Francis T. Nicholls, Governor of the State of Louisiana, and in accordance with law, as appears from the returns made by the sheriffs of the several parishes of this State, which are on file and deposited in this office, to wit:

From the Parish of Ascension-J. L. Brent. Assumption—Charles Dupaty, Moses R.

Hite.

Avoyelles-Ferdinand B. Coco, Resaire Du-

Baton Rouge, East-W. J. Sharp, Josiah D. Nettles.

Baton Rouge, West—Nat. W. Pope. Bienville—J. F. Hightower. Bossier—John C. Vance.

Caddo – J. C. Moncure, J. J. Schumpert. Calcasieu—James P. Gearey.

Caldwell—R. D. Bridger.
Cameron—James M. Weish.
Carroll, East—T. R. Barthelmy.
Carroll, West—Hiram R. Lott.

Catahoula—N. B. Torry. Claiborne—W. C. Martin, J. H. Hay. Concordia—Geo. L. Walton.

DeSoto—B. F. Jenkins, S. M. Potts. Feliciana, East—Geo. W. Munday, T. B.

yons.

Feliciana, West.—R. H. Ryland. Franklin—H. M. Scott. Grant—James Neely. Iberia—P. A. Veazy. Iberville J. M. Carville, J. S. Davidson. Jackson—H. L. Smith. Jefferson—C. F. Brown.

Lafayette.-H. D. Guidry. Lafourche.-John S. Billieu, T. M. Frazer. Lincoln.-J. M. Robeson.

Livingston-Joseph H. Allen.

Madison-Governor Hawkins, Wm. Murrell.

Morehouse—J. D. Hammond. Natchitoches—M. J. Cunningham, W. C. Ross.

ORLEANS.

First Ward Martin Gordon, Jr. Second Ward-T. Hasam, Jr., J. L. Guber-

Third Ward-J. D. Hill, F. McElroy, J. M. Hart.

Fourth Ward -Richard Weightman.

Fifth Ward-Louis Arnauld, A. Rabouin, Jr. Sixth Ward-W. A. Bienvenu. Seventh Ward-Frank Marquez, Leon Holz-

Eighth Ward-John Reaney. Ninth Ward—Geo. H. Steckman, W. E. Fitz-

gerald.

Tenth Ward-Frank Lauer, M. H. Redon. Eleventh Ward-Geo. W. Young, Joseph D. faylor.

Tweltth Ward -S. F. Parmelee

Thirteenth and Fourteenth Wards-E. L. Bower. Fifteenth Ward-W. McKee.

Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards—Kenner Scratchley.

Ouachita—W. P. Renwick. Plaquemines—Henry C. Warmoth.

Pointe Coupee —Gratien Decuir.
Rapides —James C. Wise, James Jeffries.
Red River—A. M. Davidson.
Richland—M. J. Liddell.
Subina R. M. Augestrage. Sabine—R. M. Armstrong. St. Charles—Chas. A. Bourgeois. St. Helena—J. Muse Watson.

St. James—Lucien Como. St. Landry—Yves Vidrine, J. Massie Martin, Martin Carron, Homer Durio.

St. Martin-Engle Detiege.
St. Mary-W. B. Smith, Eugene A. Landry.
St. Tammany-Anatole Cousin.
Tangipahoa-T. J. Mixon.

Tensas-A. L. Brown, C. C. Cordill. Terrebonne-I. W. Bond, Royal Coleman. Union-O. B. Steele.

Vermillion—R. P. O'Brien. Vernon—E. E. Smart. Webster—J. J. Carter. Winn—J. M. Jones.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient serent, WILL. A. STRONG, vant, Secretary of State.

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

answered to their names:

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bond, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cordill, Cousin, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Frazer, Fitgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hav, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Moncure, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Brien, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Steekman, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schum-pert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Warmoth, Watson, Welsh, Weightpert, Taylor, Torrey, Walton, Warmoth, Warmoth, Warmoth, Warman, Wise and Young.

Ninety-four members.

The Clerk announced that a quorum of the House of Representatives was present, and that the organization of the House, by the election of a Speaker, was now in order.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

Mr. Bower, of Orleans, nominated for Speaker John C. Moncure of Caddo.

Mr. Wm. Murrell, of Madison, nominated

Chas. A. Bourgeois, of St. Charles.

The roll being called, the following members voted for Mr. John C. Mongure:

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown, Carron, Car-Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Coleman, Cordill, Cousin Cunningham, A. M. Davidson, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Frazer, Fitzgerald, Geary, Guldry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, J. Massie Martin, W. E. Martin, Marquez, Munday, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Brien, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steckman, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh, Wise, Young – 71.

The following members voted for Mr. Bour-

geois:

Messrs. Barthelmy, Bord, Brown of Jefferson, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Hawkins, Landry, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary, and Warmoth—

The Clerk declared Hon. John Conway Moncure duly elected Speaker of the House of Representative of the State of Louisiana.

On the motion of Mr. Murrell the Clerk ap-

pointed a committee of three members, consisting of Messrs. Murrell, Jeffries and Lyons, to conduct the Speaker elect to the Speaker's stand, where the oath of office was administered by the Hon. Anatole Cousin, of St. Tammany, he being the oldest member of the House present.

THE ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK.

On motion of Mr. Bower the House proceeded to elect a Chief Clerk.

Mr. Bower nominated Claudius M. Pegues, of Red River parish.

Mr. Murrell nominated Mr. C. A. Baquie, of Orleans.

The roll being called, the following members voted for Mr. Pegues:

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown, Carron, Carter, Carville, Cor-Brewn, Carron, Carter, Carville, Cordill, Cousin, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkius, Tiddell Lott Lyons, Martin of Clai-Jones, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Moncure, Muoday, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Brien, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redou, Renwick, Robeson, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Challe Challes Challenger, South Schure. wick, Robeson, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Steckman, Scott. Schum-pert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh, Wise, Young—70

The following members voted for Mr. Ba-

Messrs. Bord, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Ducote, Frazer, Hawkins, Landry, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary, Veazey and Warmoth-17.

Mr. Pegues, having received a majority, was declared elected Chief Clerk, presented himself at the Speaker's stand and took the constitutional oath of office.

The members severally presented themselves at the Speaker's stand and took the constitutional oath of office, administered by the Speaker.

The House proceeded to the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Bower nominated Mr. Thomas McIntyre, of Orleans.

Mr. Murrell nominated W. A. Price, of Madison.

The following named members voted for Mr. McIntyre:

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown, Carron, Carter, Coco, Cordill, Cousin, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Durio, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond. Hill, Hay, Hightower, halb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Munday, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Brien, Parmelee

Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Steekman, Smith of Jackson, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh, Wise and Young—69.

The following members voted for Mr.

Price:

Messrs. Barthelmy, Bord, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detlege, D'Aquin, Ducote, Hawkins, Hite, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary, Veazey and Warmoth—15.

The following members voted for Mr. Flood:

Messrs. Carville, Como and Muse-3.

Mr. McIntyre, baving received a majority of the votes, was declared duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms, and presented himself at the Speaker's stand and took the constitutional oath of office.

The following

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

was received:

New Orleans, January 6 1879.

To the Honorable Sp-aker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Stae of Louisiana:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate is fully organized and ready to proceed to business, and that the following named Senators have been appointed a committee to wait upon his Excellency the Governor and to so inform him:

the Governor and to so inform him:

Messrs. Steven, Texada and Stamps.

JOHN CLEGG,

Secretary of the Senate.

ELECTION OF MINUTE CLERK.

Mr. Bower nominated Benjamin R. Coleman, of Claiborne.

On the motion of Mr. Warmoth, seconded by Mr. Demas, Mr. Coleman was elected by acclamation.

ELECTION OF JOURNAL CLERK.

Mr. Bower nominated E. W. Halsey, of Or-

leans.
On the motion of Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Murrell, Mr. Halsey was declared to

be unanimously elected by acclamation:

Messrs. Coleman and Halsey presented

Messrs. Coleman and Halsey presented themselves to the Speaker and took the constitutional oath.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.
Mr. Bower nominated R. H. Snider.

Mr. Demas nominated Mr. R. Miles, of St. John the Baptist.

The roll being called the following members voted for Mr. Snider:

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bord, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Carter, Cordill, Cousin, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Durio, Fitzgerald, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammend, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hightower, Holzhallo, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Martin of St. Landry, Martin

of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Mc-Elroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Brien, Parntelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Steckman, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Watson, Welsh, Wise and Young—66.

The following named members voted for Mr. Miles:

Messrs. Barthelmy, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Coco, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Dupaty, Frazer, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Murrell, Smith of St. Landry, Veazey and Warmoth—19.

Mr. Snider was declared duly elected Assistant Sergeaut-at-Arms.

On the motion of Mr. Jeffries, the Clerk was directed to inform the Senate that the House was duly organized and ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Jeffries moved that a committee of three members be appointed to inform his Excellency the Governor that the House was organized and ready to receive any communication he might see fit to make.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Jeffries, Hammond and Murrell on said committee, who subsequently reported that the Governor would shortly communicate with the House by message.

ELECTION OF ENROLLING CLERK.

Mr. Bower nominated for Chief Enrolling Clerk John T. Pecot, of Orleans.

On the motion of Mr. Brown, of Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Demas, Mr. Pecot was declared unanimously elected by acclamation.

ELECTION OF DOORKEEPER.

Mr. Bower nominated Mr. C. W. Hodge, of Union; and on the motion of Mr. Barthelmy, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Hodge was declared unanimously elected by acclaration.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed the Hon. E. E. Kidd, of Jackson, as his private secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Bridger the rules of the last House were adopted as governing the House temporarily.

The following communications were received from the Secretary of State:

Petition and depositions in the case of E. F. X. Dugas, contesting the election of Moses R. Hite, of the parish of Assumption.

Petition and depositions in the case of Wm. H. Morgan, contesting the seat of Richard Weightman, of the fourth ward of the city of New Orleans.

The petition and depositions in the case of Joseph H. Spearing, contesting the seat of Marshall H. Redon, of the Tenth Representative District of the parish of Orleans.

The petition and depositions in the case of Prosper P. Albert, contesting the seat of Frank Marquez, of the Seventh Representative District of the parish of Orleans.

The papers in these cases were, on motion of Mr. Murrell, referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, when appointed.

On the motion of Mr. Jeffries, the House proceeded to draw for seats by parishes, members present being permitted to select seats for absent members.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Cousin, of St. Tammany, was allowed to select his seat before the drawing.

The members then drew for seats.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

> SENATE CHAMBER,) New Orleans, January 6, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has passed and requests your concurrence in the accompanying Con-current Resolution, entitled "Concurrent Resolution to create a joint committee to examine the books and accounts of the State Auditor and Treasurer," etc. Respectfully, etc. Respectfully, JOHN CLEGG,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Jeffries the House ad journed until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Second Day's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,) State of Louisiana New Orleans, Tuesday, January 7, 1879.

The House was called to order at 11 o'clock

Present—Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Armstrong, Bridger, Billieu, Bien-yenu, Bord, Bower, Bonrgeois, Brown of Jefvenu, Bord, Bower, Bonrgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carter, Coco, Coleman, Cousin, Cuningham, Davidson of Red River, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Frazer, Fitzgerald, Gearpy, Guidry, Gordon, Hammond, Hart, Hasain, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Mattin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Brien, Parmelee, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Renwick, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Scratchley, Steckman, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Watton, Watson, Weightman and Wise.

Sixty-nine members and a guorum.

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The journal of the sixth was adopted as amended.

Speaker announced the following named members as the Committee on Elections and Qualifications:

Messrs. Billieu, Munday, Mixon, Bridger, Fitzgerald, Parmelee, Estopinal, Detiege and lution. Como.

The Speaker announced the appointment of pages for the House, to wit:

Edward Lucas, R. E. Saucier, A. W. Harper, Wesley Mayfield and Edward Stanard.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS. Mr. Hammond presented the memorial of

Geo. W. Dupre, State Printer. Mr. Hammond offered the following resobution in relation to the subject-matter of the

foregoing memorial: Resolved, That a special joint committee of the House and Senate be appointed by the presiding officer of each body, to be composed of five members of the House and three members of the Senate, whose duties it shall be to investigate the accounts of the State Printer for the year 1878 and ascertain what exact amount is due said State Printer, said

joint committee to have power to send for persons and papers, and to that end they are hereby vested with the power of compulsory process. Lies over under the rules.

Mr. Walton presented a memorial from Reuben Carter and his wife, and citizens of Concordia, in relation to the corporate limits of the town of Vidalia.

On motion of Mr. Demas the petition was referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs, when appointed.

The following communication was offered to the House by Mr. Coker:

NEW ORLEANS, January 6, 1879. To the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana:

Sir—Please take notice that I contest the right of E. L. Bower to a seat in the House of Representatives to represent the Thirteenth Representative District of the parish of Or-leans, composed of the thirteenth and fourteenth wards of the city of New Orleans.

Very respectfully, J. H. COKER.

On motion of Mr. Demas the communication was referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. Lyons presented the petition and depositions in the case of Charles E. Lea, contesting the seat of J. Muse Watson.

On motion of Mr. Lyons, the petition was referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. Bridger introduced the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, That the duties of Assistant and Reading Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be added to the duties of Chief Enrolling Clerk of this House, with such additional compensation as may be fixed by this House.

Mr. Bridger moved that the rules of the House be suspended in order to pass the reso-

Mr. Murrell called for division, and, by a

rising vote of 68 yeas to — nays, the rules were suspended.

Mr. Murrell moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "with such additional compensation as may be fixed by the House."

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Demas the further consideration of the resolution was postponed until Thursday.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A communication was received from his Excellency the Governor, through Col. Flowers, his Private Secretary, transmitting to the House of Representatives his annual message, which was read as follows:

New Orleans, January 6, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

The constitution imposes upon me the duty of, from time to time, giving the General Assembly information respecting the situation of the State, and custom has designated the commencement of your session as the period at which that information is to be given.

Since the adjournment of the last General Assembly the people of a large portion of the State have been smitten by the visitation of a life-destroying epidemic. That event has left such deep traces, and has darkened so many homes, that I deem it unnecessary to refer particularly to it. One fact, however, stands out so brightly amidst the gloom created by and consequent upon the epidemic, and has impressed itself so deeply upon the people of Louisiana, that it is my pleasure and duty to refer to it officially. I mean the spontaneous exhibition of sympathy, of Christian charity and brotherhood which our distress evoked throughout our common country. While it took such tangible shape as to give great and necessary relief to many suffering people, and while its practical results were seen, felt and recognized wherever the hand of postilence was laid, its moving cause furnishes besides a subject of congratulation, of appreciation. by the people of the State generally, without regard to the mere question of benefit received, as indicating that community of feeling binding together the people of the Union, as pointing to the flow of a common spring of benevolence from one end of the land to the other. The general condition of the people of the State, putting aside the suffer ing engendered by the epidemic, has improved during the year. Bountiful crops have blesse the State, and whilst the shrinkage of value has caused some anxiety and want of remuneration, this effect has resulted from the return to a safer and more durable standard of values, which, operating upon all classes of property alike, brings about an adjustment calculated to give greater security and stability for the future.

I have the pleasure of reporting to you that throughout almost the entire State, the laws have been well observed, and that where violations of the same have taken place they have been generally punished. I regret. however, to say, that in a few localities there have occurred during the past year some of those acts of violence and lawlessness which, in this State, as in other sections of the country, occasionally happen, and which, while startling and distressing the mass of the people, are practically beyond the reach of the constituted authorities. These troubles and disturbances are not referable to any one cause. In some instances, the perpetration, or alleged perpetration of a crime of heinous character, or the repetition of a series of petty misdemeanors difficult of detection as to their perpetrators, seem to throw even good men into a kind of frenzy which, for the time being, sets judgment and reason at defiance; in others, a belief that what is called the technicalities of the law may permit the escape of some one generally believed to be substantially guilty of crime, causes men to substitute their own ideas of justice and methods of remedy for the machinery provided for the enforcement of right and punishment of wrong. So, want of confidence in the honestv or impartiality οf judges, juries and officials is sometimes made the basis of and attempted justification for those acts, which in the United States have come to be known by the designation of "Lynch law." From whatever cause springing, these acts are rarely punished in any portion of the Union. There are ordinarily so many persons concerned in them that those who are cognizant of the facts are either unwilling to speak, from sympathy with the acts, or afraid to speak, lest they should involve themselves in trouble. Evidence being the essential basis of all judicial proceedings, the want of it presents an insuperable obstacle to officers whose duty it is to seek out and punish lawbreakers. Some months ago three men charged with crime, two of them with the murder of a white man, and once convicted of the killing of a colored man, were forcibly taken from the jail at Monroe and killed. The men so killed were colored men. The mob is supposed to have been made up either entirely or mostly of white men. Later, a man by the name of St. Martin, confined in the parish jail of St. Charles parish on a charge of mur-

der of a colored man, was taken therefrom by a large number of men and murdered. The mob in this intance were colored men and the victim a white man. Both of these cases have received investigation from the grand juries of the respective parishes, and yet nothing has resulted from the investigation in either case. I have no reason to doubt the thorough sincerity, in each case, of the officers conducting these investigations. In one instance they were Republican, in the other Democratic officials. It can scarcely be believed that in these two affairs there are not persons not legally responsible for the crimes committed, who are cognizant of the same and vet hold their peace when it is their duty to speak. can lay no blame at the door of these officials. Even had they failed in their duty (which they did not), being constitutional officers, they could not have been suspended or removed by me; nor is there any power granted to any one, in any manner, to originate proceedings and try persons in any other parishes than those in which the crimes have been committed. The constitution expressly guarantees a trial by the jury of the parish in which a crime is committed, subject only to a change of venue when the case has reached a certain point. Despite my great desire to see the supremacy of the law vindicated in all cases, and despite the fact that under the shadow of these great fundamental principles the perpetrators of crime may sometimes escape detection and consequent punishment, I should hesitate long to suggest any modification in them vesting in either the Executive or any other department the power to initiate proceedings or try the same, when so commenced, out of the jurisdiction of the court of the parish or district where the crime may have been committed. Such power vested in the Executive, or any other department, would be as powerful for harm In bad hands as it would be for good in the hands of conscientious officers. I make these remarks for the purpose of showing that good institutions and remedies and honest officials require the concurrence of other facts to make them thoroughly effective. After all, the real effective instrument for putting an end to acts of lawlessness is the force of public opinion manifesting itself on all occasions in aid of the supremacy of the law. When, in the campaign of 1876, I proclaimed through the State that in the event of my election as Governor of this State, I felt assured that peace and good order would follow I did not do so relying in any manner upon the mere physical and legal instrumentalities

for I was well aware that these were extremely limited, confined almost entirely to reporting to this body careless or delinquent officials, and abstaining from an Injudicious use of the pardoning power. My declaration was predicated upon the certainty that the election of the officers who were before the people would eliminate most of the causes of bitterness and reproach then existing, and that the gradual operation of conservative influence would ultimately lead to a complete good feeling between all classes and races, and cause the crystalization of public sentiment against all species of lawlessness. deliberate judgment is not to force, or attempt to force, these results by harsh proceedings, except when they can be judiciously employed, for I foresee that a course of that character will defeat the very end and object I have in view. The result of the softening influences of the last two years is apparent to any one who knows the State; and whilst here and there a few bad men, or a few foolish men, breed trouble, which all good men regret, and whilst the good men in some places have not taken the determined, active stand against them that I had hoped and expected, I am satisfied that day by day and month by month we are surely moving forward to the condition of things which all good citizens are hopefully anticipating. I would regard the retarding of these results by injudicious action, which some might deem wise and right, as a great calamity to the State. I say this under a full sense of the responsibility which attaches to my position. It has so happened that some of the acts of lawlessness (which I condemn and regret) have been directed against colored men, and it is sometimes supposed that they have been so directed by reason of their being colored men. This is not true. The fact results from the circumstance that the greater number of the infractions of the law are necessarily found in all communities among those classes who, from ignorance or idleness or thriftlessness, fail to understand and appreciate their duties and obligations; and that, in this State, the mass of these classes is found among the colored people. The fact of their being colored people is merely accidental and incidental. The same acts would take place under the same circumstances, without regard to color. It is a notorious fact that for over twenty years there have existed, in some parts of Louisiana, organizations known as "Vigilance Committees," whose acts have stricken white men oftener than colored men. It is said that some of the which would be in my hands for that purpose troubles in this State, within the last year,

have had their origin in politics. I do not suppose that there is any State in the Union in which politics have not been, more or less, the cause of difficulties. The passions and interests of men in every community become so much excited that, here and there, in every State, troubles take place on that account. Louisiana does not differ in this respect from her sister States. Troubles do not exist in Louisiana based on opposition to any man voting on account of his color. The exercise different right in a manner by other individuals from that wished causes opposition here, just as it does in Maine or Oregon. This sometimes results in personal difficulties, and whenever matters reach that point there springs up here an element of danger not found in those States, not the cause of the difficulty, but resulting from it and from the fact of there being two separate races in the State. A difficulty originating in politics, which goes to the point of blows or bloodshed, is apt to be participated in by others from that time forward, not on account of the politics involved in it, but race sympathy or race fear. I found this, in my opinion (formed after a personal investigation), to have been the case in the recent disturbances in the parishes of Tensas and Concordia. The proximate cause of that trouble was the going at night of a party of men numbering from twenty to twenty-five to the house of one Fairfax, a colored political leader in Tensas parish, which act resulted in the killing of Peck (who seems to have been the leader of the party), and the wounding by Peck's companions of three colored men who were in Fairfax's house, one of The visit afterwards died. whom Fairfax utterly these men to was my opinion, utterly without wrong-in justification; and whilst attempted to be justified upon the ground that they went in the interest of peace to expostulate against a rumored proposed attempt of the colored people to force the quarantine lines at the town of St. Joseph, I am satisfied that such was not the purpose, but that it had a political object. I do not think the purpose was to kill or harm Fairfax, but I do believe it was to influence his course and the local campaign in the parish. The killing of Peck and the wounding of the colored men was, in my opinion, totally unexpected and attended by results which none of the parties contemplated, and from which political considerations utterly disappeared. Just as soon as i these men were killed and wounded reports of the same spread with astonishing rapidity hrough Tensas and Concordia, and instantly known and for a cause unknown, were the

armed bodies of colored men, evidently organized prior thereto, moved from every direction to the scene of the occurrence. Whilst this was taking place the parish judge of Tensas, who had been informed of the circumstances of Peek's death, issued a warrant for the arrest of Fairfax, who was charged with having killed him. Instead of either leavthe parish, if he believed himself ing about to be wrouged, or at once surrendering to the authorities, who were law, the forms of pursuing Fairfax remained with the large number men who had assembled, some of whom were making the most horrible threats. These threats produced a feeling of terror and apprehension in the parish, and with the events which followed, in my opinion, politics had nothing to do. The situation will be understood when I say that Tensas is a parish of large territorial extent, with an exceedingly sparse white and very dense colored population, the proportion being nearly as ten to one in favor of the latter, and that the bodies of armed colored men parading through the parish are variously estimated from 1000 to 2000 men, whilst the whites seem to have been totally unprepared. The fears entertained by the latter of general bloodshed and pillage, I am satisfied, were fully justified by appearances, and were beyond question thoroughly real. Their completely detenseless condition demonstrates at once the folly and wrong of the original act which brought about the situation, and also the fact that it was unexpected. I cannot conceive that men could wantonly and deliberately place the lives and property of their fellow-citizens in such peril as they were then in. Assistance was immediately called from neighboring parishes, and when it came it found the people of Tensas, white and black, almost solidly arrayed against each other.

It needed but a spark to ignite the train, and it was given by the firing of a body of colored men upon a party, under the parish judge, proceeding to put an end to the armed de-This fire was returned, and monstration. from the best information I can receive several persons were wounded, but none killed. The return fire caused the negroes to disperse. In the meantime a negro set fire to a gin in the neighborhood of Waterproof, containing seventy bales of cotton. It is asserted that this was a preconcerted signal for a general rally of the colored people. This man was afterwards, by some persons unknown, found and killed. This, together with the killing of another negro, also by persons unonly lives taken at that time that I have heard of.

The strife thus recklessly originated in the parish of Tensas spread to the parish of Concordia. Large bodies of armed colored men from that parish hurried towards Tensas and manifested their presence in various parts of the parish.

An armed body of white men, acting under a warrant for the arrest of Fairfax, who, it was supposed, had passed into Concordia, entered that parish for the purpose of the execution of the warrant, and whilst there some eight or nine colored men were killed.

On the return of the men from the adjacent parishes, who had gone to the assistance of the whites, quiet was gradually restored and everything is now peaceable. The events of those few days will, I trust, serve as a lesson out of which possibly good may ultimately come. It may teach those who lightly engage in acts tending to such terrible consequences to halt before again venturing in that direction, and it must necessarily result in arraying solidly against such persons those who have at heart the well-being of the community. I do not know how far steps for the punishment of those persons who brought about this condition will be successful. Politically, the officers of the district in which Tensas is situated are Republican, the distriet judge and district attorney being of that party. I had intended going in person to several other points where it is said violence has occurred. Circumstances over which I had no control have delayed and prevented me.

FINANCE.

The condition of the general fund of the State has not been as favorable during the year 1878 as during 1877. The quantum of collections has been inadequate to meet the warrants as drawn under the appropriations. This state of affairs has led to considerable hardship and loss. It results in some measure from the slowness of collections attributable to the epidemic and the derangement of business eaused by it. But it is more largely due to the fact that the last General Assembly reduced the general fund tax by one and a half mills, .e., from four mills to two and a half mills, and made no corresponding reduction in appropriations. This cause, as well as the reduction of licenses then nade for the future, was founded upon the revenue expected to be derived from the act commonly known as "The Moffet register law." This act has never been put into execution from the fact of an injunction proceeding being taken against the Auditor, which, although decided |

in favor of the State in the lower court, is yet finally undetermined. By this failure of the expected source of revenue, the appropriations predicated upon its success have been necessarily without prompt means of payment. This condition of things has been aggravated by the misapprehension which seems to have existed on the subject of the "State-House fund." At the time of the passage of the revenue bill of 1878 the Supreme Court of the State had decided the act No. 6 of April, 1875, providing for the setting aside of one-half 'mill from the general fund to the State-House fund to be unconstitutional, but the decree Was pending on а rehearing, and subsequently reconsidered and the validity of the act sustained. The general fund was thus not only deprived of the revenue consequent on the su e execution of the "Moffett register law," but also of one-half a mill not apparently contemplated at the time of the enactment of the revenue and appropriation bills of 1878. The loss to the State resulting from the depreciation of State warrants is obvious—a loss caused not only by the derangement which it produces in her affairs, but also by the increased cost entailed by the departure from a cash basis. I recommend great eare in this particular. I urge upon you, as a sacred duty, the most absolute economy in appropriations. A mere glance at and comparison with the constitutional expenses of the government and the maximum taxation allowed by the constitution. will point to the imperative necessity of rigid economy, if not parsimony, in making appropriations. And in this connection I can only repeat what was said in my last annual message-that the creation of new and untried sources of revenue should not be made the basis of additional appropriations. curtailing appropriations to the last possible point, I urge, within the limits of your constitutional power, the importance of fixing such a rate of general fund taxation as may put the general fund upon a cash basis, thus saving largely, as already stated, in the eurrent expenses of the government. duty in this particular will be somewhat facilitated by the reduction in the legislative expenses made by act No. 42, of the regular session of 1878 Whilst on this subject. Lurge upon you the immediate repeal of so much of act No. 58, approved March 12, 1877, as provides for the payment of the per diem of the members of the General Assembly, the expenses thereof, and the warrants of the constitutional officers for the first quarter, by the Fiscal Agent, from an advance on his

part of \$300,000, on which he is allowed five per cent interest. This act is objectionable in several particulars; in the discrimination which it makes between the members of the General Assembly, its employees, expenses, and the salarles of the constitutional officers and those of other officers who give their whole time to the State and depend exclusively upon their salaries; in the payment of interest to accomplish the cashing of one class of warrants, whilst others equally as meritorious remain unpald and are forcibly depreciated thereby. Besides these objections, the provision virtually does injustice by allowing interest on certain salaries and not on others, and by permitting this interest to run on the whole amount advanced by the Fiscal Agent, until the deposits in his hands, to the credit of the general fund, accumulate to the sum adequate to the payment of the entire advance with interest, instead of providing for the restriction of the advance and consequent ratable stoppage of interest by the deposits to the credit of the general fund in the hands of the Fiscal Agent as they are made. Should you desire or deem it absolutely necessary to provide a certain means of payment for the services and claims which you may deem essential for the carrying on of the government, it seems to me you could better accomplish this result by placing all claims which may be considered of that character on the same footing, and directing the proper officers to set aside from the genervl fund, as it accumulates, an amount sufficient to insure their payment.

The bonded debt of the State now amounts, in consolidated bonds, to \$11,724,800; estimated amount yet to be funded \$488,100; general fund warrants (Kellogg's statement), \$188,720 92, as reported to me by the Auditor. The collection of revenue from the five and a half mills tax not having been adequate to the payment of the interest coupons due on the first of January, 1879, they have remained unpaid.

Deeply as I deplore this result, I was powerless either to avert or remedy it; and in order that this may be understood, a review of the funding legislation seems necessary By the provisions of the funding law, State consols were authorized to be issued to the extent of \$15,000,000, or so much thereof as might be necessary, payable forty years from the first day of January, 1874, to bear interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually in the cities of New York and New Orleans, on the first days of July and January in each year, interest coupons being unnexed to the bonds. The provision made

for the payment of the principal and interest of these bonds, thus authorized to be issued, was a tax of five and a half mills, to be annually levied on the assessed value of the property, real and personal, in the State. The language of the statute is as follows:

"That a tax of five and a half mills on the dollar of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the State, is hereby annually levied and shall be collected, for the purpose of paying the interest and principal of the consolidated bonds herein authorized, and the revenue derived therefrom is hereby set apart and appropriated to that purpose, and no other, and that it shall be deemed a felony for the Fiscal Agent or any officer of the State or Board of Liquidators to divert the said fund from its legitimate channel, as provided, and upon conviction the said party shall be liable to imprisonment for not more than ten years nor less than two, at the discretion of the court. If there shall, during any year, be a surplus arising from said tax after paying all interest falling due on that year, such surplus shall be used for the purchase and retirement of bonds authorized by this act, said purchases to be made by the said Board of Liquidation from the lowest offers, after due notice; provided, that the total tax for interest and all other State purposes, except the support of public schools. shall never hereafter exceed twelve and a half mills on the dollar. The interest tax afores said shall be a continuing annual tax until the said consolidated bonds shall be paid or redeemed, principal and interest; and the said appropriation shall be a continuing annual appropriation during the same period, and this levy and appropriation shall authorize and make it the duty of the Auditor and Treasurer and the said Board, respectively, to collect said tax annually, and pay said interest, and redeem the said bonds, until the same shall be fully discharged."

The statute was accompanied with constitutional amendments, limiting the debt to \$15,000,000, making its provisions a part of the constitution, and providing, "That the revenue of each year derived from taxation upon real, personal and mixed property, or from heenses, shall be dévoted solely to the expenses of the said year for which it shall be raised, excepting any surplus remaining which shall be directed to the sinking of the public debt."

After the passage of this law and the adoption of the amendments connected with it, the rate of taxation was as follows: Interest and principal of public debt, five and a half mills; levees, three mills; general fund, four mills;

schools, two mills. This fiscal arrangement had hardly been effected when it became obvious that the provision of five and a half mills was inadequate, upon the then basis of assessment and collections thereunder, to provide promptly for the payment of the in terest on the consolidated debt. It is a fact well known that after the General Assembly of 1874 had fixed the rate of interest upon the bonds, and determined upon the precise means and instrumentalities by which prin cipal and interest were to be paid, the Board of Liquidation of the former administration closed its doors, and ceased to receive applications for funding, when it became evident that the funded debt was becoming inconveniently large, and, in consequence of that fact, the prompt payment of the interest on the public debt was becoming problematical. The former authorities, in default of the performance of the duties imposed by the statute of 1874, threw upon the present Board of Liquidation the task of funding the heavy evidences of debt left by them as a legacy to be disposed of by after administrations. Had the funding process been carried on promptly, and all the outstanding bonds and warrants been converted immediately, the State would have found the collections from the tax of five and a half mills inadequate to meet the coupon falling due on the first day of January, 1875, after the funding plan went into opera tion. Even with the advantage of collections made since the date of the various coupons from the taxes of the years from which they were payable, there is not a single year since 1874 which has not coupons of interest unpaid.

There are still outstanding interest coupons, to wit:

Fund	1874.														\$87,166	50
Fund	1875.														87,682	00
															167,846	
Fund	1877.														127,981	00
T	otal													9	\$470,675	50

This increase of deficiency results from the carrying on of the funding process.

When the present administration came into power the Board of Liquidation under it, finding the existence of a deficiency in the interest fund of the previous year, and desirons of protecting to the full extent of its power the credit of the State, made an arrangement with the Fiscal Agent, by which it assumed the obligation of taking up and holding for its own account some of the coupons of interest which would remain unpaid for the want of collection of sufficient funds. The character of this arrangement and the circumstances under which it was made were as follows: The fiscal agency was established by the sec-

ond section of act No. 3 of 1874 (the funding act), and its rights and duties will be found enumerated in that act and in acts Nos. 58 and 77 of 1877 and act No. 28 of 1878. The act creating the position is signally silent as to any duties to be performed by the agent. When the present administration came in, it found the position of Fiscal Agent one of great advantage and profit to the agent, but with no compensating obligations towards the State. With this condition of the duties of the Fiscal Agent, the State government also found not only the January coupons of 1877 unpaid, but a large number of deferred applications for funding, which made it certain beyond a doubt that the funding of these bonds would so increase the volume of the funded debt, that the coupons of 1874, 1875 and 1876, attached to the bonds to be funded, would not be promptly paid.

The government was entering upon its duties under the most adverse circumstances. The people poor, outstanding personal indebtedness large, State, parochial and municipal affairs suffering from the mismanagement and spoliation of the past, the books of the State had been abstracted, and the operations of the government retarded for causes not now necessary to recapitulate. Under these circumstances the Board of Liquidation was called upon to elect a Piscal Agent. The advantages of the position, so far as the legal duties are concerned, were all in favor of the agent. It was suggested that possibly these advantages were so great that the Board taight utilize them for the obtaining of some corresponding advantage to the State. The result of this suggestion was an announcement by the board, in the exercise of their power of election, that they would not consider any person a suitable candidate who would not be willing to cash the coupons The contract with the Fiscal Agent was to pay the compons of No. 2, January 1, 1875; No. 4, January 1, 1876; No. 6, January 1, 1877; No. 7, July 1, 1877; No. 8, January 1, 1878.

It is to be remarked that the State contracted no obligation under the promise. It was to pay no interest. The Fiscal Agent, to be elected, was in reality to take up the particular coupons and to wait for payment from the interest tax as collected. It is true that the board agreed to elect for four years, but all parties knew that this provision was subject to the power vested in the board of removal for cause, and subject also to the full control of the General Assembly over the whole subject matter. Prior to the announcement by the board of what it would consider necessary to make candidates eligible, if I may use

the expression, it was generally supposed that there would be a number of applicants for the position, but on the day of election only one single candidate offered—the present Fiscal Agent—who was consequently elected. The State National Bank was elected, and was qualified, and has carried out the obligations under the stipulation of the board. It is the holder of coupons which are yet unpaid, about the following amounts:

1877, funds of	1876		 \$78,547 0	()
January, 1878,	fund (of 1877	 125,020 0	U

With the payment of the January coupon of 1878, its obligations, under the stipulations imposed by the board in electing the agent, ceased, except in so far as coupons of former years, covered by the agreement and annexed to bonds yet to be funded, after that date, are concerned, and, therefore, both the agent and the board fell under the rights and duties of each, solely and exclusively, as gauged by the law. Under this condition of things, when the July coupon of 1878 was about becoming due, and it was apparent that delay would occur, the Fiscal Agent agreed to make a further advance for the purpose of securing prompt payment. The attention of the General Assembly of 1878 was called to the stipulation made by the Board of Liquidation in electing the Fiscal Agent, and to the advance made by the Fiscal Agent, in cashing coupons covered by the obligations assumed. Act No. 28 of the Extra Session provided for the reimbursement of the Fiscal Agent of the amount of his advance, together with the 5 per cent interest thereon from the "redemption of the debt fund," a fund to be composed of any surplus as mentioned in the funding act and article of the constitution to which I referred. I could not give my approval to this enactment; first, because it seemed to allow interest to the Fiscal Agent from a fixed past date, without reference to the time of actual payment; and, second, because it delayed the application of any sum to the credit of the redemption of the debt fund, until it reached the sum of the advance, thus compelling the State to pay interest on the entire advance, although means to make partial payments would be on hand and deposited with the Fiscal Agent. These objections were, at an early date, communicated to the Fiscal Agent. The enactment finally received my approval a few days before the maturity of the July coupon, upon the presentation to me of a formal waiver on the part of the board of directors of the Fiscal Agent of what I conceived to be the objectionable features of the law. My opinion then was and now is that the provisions of act No. 28 of 1878, giving interest were only applicable to advances made and to be made by the Fiscal Agent, under the arrangement entered into at the date of his election, and that the interest on the advances made in July, if deemed proper, would have to be provided for by additional legislation, the advances having already been paid and the interest being for a small amount. As the period for the payment of the coupons of January, 1879, approached, it became obvious that the sum to the credit of the interest fund for that year would be inadequate on the first of January to the prompt payment of the coupous.

When this fact became reasonably certain the Board of Liquidation invited and requested the Fiscal Agent to take up and hold for its account the January coupons until moneys could come in to pay them. This the Fiscal Agent declined to do, for the reasons assigned by it in a communication addressed to the board, expressing, however, a willingness to resign the agency to any bank which would undertake to pay the January interest and repay it the amount of \$205,474 50, coupons of former years, which it had cashed for the State under the arrangement already referred to. The board thereupon appointed a committee to wait upon the various banks of New Orleans to ascertain whether any of them would be willing to accept the agency upon this condition. The committee reported that no bank could be found willing to do so. The requirement by the Fiscal Agent, as a condition of his resignation, of the payment of the sum for which he was in advance has been harshly criticised, and it has been asserted that its being insisted on prevented the substitution, in his place, of a new agent, who would have advanced the January interest had that condition been waived. the Fiscal Agent made this waiver and the board consented to a substi tution of new one, whose obligation would have been to pay the January coupon of 1879, it would, in accepting the resignation of the present agent, have necessarily released it from all its obligations entered into at the date of its election; hence, the coupons of 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1877, upon bonds not yet funded, but which will have to be funded, and which are now secured as to their payment by the arrangement as aforesaid with the Fiscal Agent, would have been immediately uncovered, and the attempt to secure the January coupon would have been at the expense of the coupons of former years,

Such a proceeding on the part of the board would have been utterly unjustifiable. The legality of borrowing money to pay the January coupons of 1879 was considered by the board, and the conclusion was reached that it had no such power. The funding law provides the method of and the means for the payment of the bonds issued under it. There is no existing legal power or authority granted to any one to substitute a method and means of payment of these coupons and bonds, other than that provided in the act of 1874. The Board of Liquidation is not a committee of ways and means for the State, but has only certain special duties allotted to it. I desire to say, however, that the payment of interest for money advanced upon a bond already bearing interest, as was done under the act No. 28 of 1878, should not be repeated. I am greatly desirous of the prompt payment by the State of her obligations, but do not believe that the borrowing of money on interest for the purpose of taking up special coupons of interest is a proper method of reaching that result. Over and beyond other objections, I think that such a system introduces a speculative element in the consideration of our State securities. 1 think it preferable for all parties that they should rest exclusively upon what the State is able to do from its own resources. We should, then, no longer see the violent fluctuations which the belief as to what a particular individual or bank would do or not do has already given rise. It has been said that it was the duty of the Board of Liquidators to remove the Fiscal Agent and select another willing to advance a sum adequate to cover the January (1879) coupons. from the fact that such a course, as already stated, would have uncovered other coupons. there was no authority in the board so to do As mentioned heretofore, the scope of the duties of the Fiscal Agent is defined in the funding act and laws passed in connection therewith. By the terms of the act of 1877, the power to remove is given to the board solely "for cause," which necessarily means for legal cause, that is, for the faiture, on its part, to perform some duty incumbent on it by law, and no legal obligation being imposed upon the Fiscal Agent to advance the money required to pay the January coupons, it is obvious that the Fiscal Agent's unwillingness to do that which it was not legally bound to do could not have afforded the legal cause for the removal contemplated.

The fact that the money is not in the treasury to pay promptly all of the January coupons of 1879, imposes upon you the necessity of adopting immediate legislation for the

equitable distribution of the funds now on hand and to accumulate; and the occurrence of the deficiency points to the necessity, and imposes the obligation, of taking such steps as will secure the full and just enforcement of the provisions of the funding act providing the means for the payment of the consolidated debt. I have already stated that, in my opinion, the failure to promptly pay the interest on the consols resulted this year from the epidemic, and in some respects, from the illconsidered provisions of the funding act itself. I believe, also, that it is attributable greatly to the insufficiency of the laws regarding the assessment of property and collection of taxes. The latter cause of trouble is under our control, and we shall fail in our duty if we do not apply a proper remedy. The State has two fixed periods for the payment of the interest upon her consolidated debt-the first of July and the first of January. It is obvious that the law should be framed with reference to having as much money on hand as possible at each of these periods. Hence, instead of deferring the settlement of the tax collectors ten days beyond the tenth of January, those of July and January should be advanced, the latter to December, and that of July to June. I again call your attention, as I did that of the previous General Assembly, to the necessity of proper legislation on this subject. By postponing the collection of taxation to the close of the year, not only the interest fund, but all other funds suffer. The general fund is thereby embarrassed and the expenses of the State largely increased, for, if we consider the price which the State is compelled to pay fo work and articles absolutely needed when the payment is made in cash, and the price of the same when the payments are to be made in depreciated warrants, the difference is surprising. This difference represents an additional amount which the people have to pay by increased taxation, and which, therefore, under the mistaken guise of liberality, actually renders the burdens of government more operous.

I have spoken of laws for enforcing the payment of taxes, and have urged proper legislation on the subject. I again so advise as a matter of justice and right. Year after year the same individuals pay their taxes, whilst others, equally and, in fact, in many instances more able to do so, shelter themselves behind the looseness of the remedies of the law, and thus avoid their plain obligations. There are large numbers of men, of large means and property, who, during the years 1877 and 1878, as a matter of calculation,

have deliberately abstained from paying their just proportion of the burdens of the government. They should be forced from their unpatriotic position and be compelled to do what better citizens are doing voluntarily. It is true that the same remedies which strike unwilling citizens will sometimes operate harshly upon those who, disposed to perform their duty, are yet unable to do so; but, as matters stand, the same laxity of remedy which indulges the latter, in a larger number of cases is taken advantage of by those whose situation calls for no indulgence. I think experience teaches that that revenue system is the best which, after the amount of revenue has been fixed at the very lowest possible point, affords such remedies as render the collection of the revenue absolutely certain, thus equally distributing the burdens of government, thus saving increased exaction from the willing because of the delinquencies of the unwilling. The men of smaller means usually recognize their duty and perform it, and the benefit of a lax system of collection generally enures to the advantage of persons who are able to pay, but do not do so if they can avoid it. It seems to me that the present remedy of a paper sale or transfer of title to the State, with a period of two years' right of redemption, is illusory as a means of enforcing collection. An intentional delinquent looks derisively on such a proceeding, followed, as it is, by no change of possession or indicia of ownership on the part of the State. There is, I am told, a large amount of property in the State, assessed as that of unknown persons, which has escaped the payment of taxes for years. The legal title of this and other property has been in the name of the State, and yet no adequate remedy has been devised for making it available. I think legislation should make it the duty of the proper State authorities to take immediate corporeal possession of property so situated. and I think also that some legislation should be devised, giving a right, surrounded with proper limitation, to like possession in cases of other delinquent property as a means of enforcing the prompt payment of the current taxes, and that this right of possession should be allowed even before the period of redemption, and that the State should be entitled to dispose of the property, by lease or sale, by notarial act, subject to right of redemption, but accompanied by such remuneration in addition to the price paid to the State as will hold out inducement to the acquisition of the title and consequent possession vested in the The assessment laws of the State should receive your attention, to the end that

a just, uniform and equal rule of valuation be applied. It is not to be doubted that property, in some portion of the State, for taxable purposes, is listed at its actual cash value, whilst in others it is ridiculously low, leading to an unequal taxation. Nothing could justify an assessment made without regard to the value of the property, and solely in reference to the amount required for the government. The amount to be raised is a question of the rate of taxation, and not of assessment. To assess property above its value, because unless so assessed the constitutional limitation of taxation would produce a small amount of revenue, would be not only an injustice, but a violation of the purposes of the constitution. Whilst this is true, it is equally true that the assessment of property by one standard in one parish, and one in another, violates the rule of uniformity of assessment, and, consequently, of taxation. The proper remedy is the fixing of a just standard valuation, in no case to actual cash market value property, and the devising means for the application of this standard uniformly throughout the State. The ninetieth section of act No. 96 of 1877, making the assessment of one year hold good for three years, has not been found to work well in practice. I recommend a change in this respect by going back to the former system of annual assessments. Measures should be taken to have all cases of disputed assessments finally disposed of before the assessment rolls have been returned to the Auditor's office. These rolls, so returned, form the basis upon which the appropriare made, ations and 8.6 the stitution makes all appropriations in exrevenue null, a change in the rolls after the appropriations have been passed gives great and serious trouble. If it be deemed advisable to leave the settlement of disputed assessments to the courts, then provision should be made for the calling of special terms at some central point in case of a district court for the trial of all such cases. With these remedies applied, I think the condition of the financial system of the State will improve. The difficulties before you are serious but not insurmountable. You have the weight of years of misgovernment upon you, the confusion of much improvident legislation to remedy. Taking up the task commenced and carried on by your predecessors, you will, I trust, be able to devise necessary iegislation to accomplish the ends of good government.

THE ELECTION LAWS.

The election laws, put upon the statute

book in 1877, need, in some respects, modification; some remedy should be pointed out in cases where the elections are not held according to law; some provision should be made for cases where the original evidence of the result of the election has been destroyed, and the act of making a false return should be made a crime and punishable as such.

THE LEVEE LAW.

The levee law adopted by the last General Assembly has just been put into operation. Of course the revenue of the three mill tax of the year 1878 is consumed by work done by the Board of Engineers under the former law, which work comprises 1,186,718 cubic yards of earthwork, besides revetment, clearing and other work, at a cost of \$288,412 08-an average of about twenty-two and a half cents. The levee tax for the current year under the provisions of the act of 1878, exclusive of the district funds created by that act, is one mill, instead of three, levied during this past year. The estimated amount of this one mill State tax is \$177,000, against which contracts have been adjudicated for 289,580 cubic yards, costing \$51,300 95-au average of about seventeen and three-quarters cents per yard. The various district funds for the year were estimated at \$223,000, and if applied at the same rate as those obtained in the contracts already made against the one mill State tax will give probably 1,200,000 cubic yards, which, joined with the contracts under the one mill fund, will probably give 1,400,000 cubic yards for the year-a result gratifying indeed, when it is considered that it will have been accomplished despite a reduction of two mills in the levee taxation for this year. The system devised by the act of 1878 is. I think, a wise one, and has given satisfaction. Its provisions are equitable, and I am informed that the district tax meets with approval. Until the general government performs that duty of taking charge of the levees, which is incumbent upon it. I know of no system which could wisely take the place of the method established by the act of 1878. However, that act requires enlargement in several particulars, especially as regards the assessment and collection of the district taxation. The silence of the law on that subject has led to considerable trouble. I suggest the pointing out of definite machinery for the assessment and collection of the district taxation. It would probably be well to impose the duty of such collection upon the tax collectors. accompanied with all the remedies afforded for the collection of State taxes.

The commission appointed by me to confer with the authorities of the State of Arkansas.

under act No. 21 of 1878, has reported that, after conference with the Governor of that State, an act has been prepared, to be submitted to the Legislatures of both States, having for its object the creation of levee protection in that portion of Louisiana affected by the overflow from Arkansas. I commend this proposed act, which will be submitted to you, to your careful consideration.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

The laws on the subject of vacancies in municipal offices throughout the State impose upon me the power of filling the same. I suggest the remission of this matter to local control, and, in fact, urge the propriety of curtailing the power of the Executive over the filling of local offices. More particularly should this be the case where the vacancies are original from the failure to hold an election at the time pointed out by law. In a larger number of the smaller municipalities of this State, upon a failure to hold an election at the time designated by their charters. it has been the practice of the local authorities to call upon the Executive to exercise the appointing power in filling these original vacaucies, on the theory that, the time for the election having elapsed, such power should be exercised. There should be some general law providing a remedy by ordering an election under such circumstances.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

The report of the Superintendent of Public Education will convey to the General Assembly all the information required as to the condition of the public schools. Whilst the increase in attendance of pupils has not been all that could be desired, the year's operations, considering the difficulties to be overcome, have been to a considerable extent successful.

THE STATE PENITENTIARY.

The arbitration committee appointed under the act No. 6 of the Extra Session of 1878 have made their award fixing the sum due by the lessees at \$44,833, and the pledge stipulated by section 3 has been made.

STATE CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

The reports of the various charitable institutions of the State show an improvement in their condition. I recommend the extension to them of all the just aid required and compatible with the financial condition of the State.

THE PACIFIC RAILBOAD BONDS.

In accordance with the statement conveyed by me to the last session of the General Assembly in giving my approval to act No. 68 of the regular session thereof, providing for the issue of bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railroad Company, a mandamus proceeding was provoked by me, upon which a decree recognizing the constitutionality of the act was finally rendered by the Supreme Court of the State. Thereafter, however, I declined to issue the bonds granted by the act to the company, because I did not consider the mortgage bonds of the road, which were offered to me, met, in several particulars, the requirements of the law. Thereafter a second mandamus proceeding was provoked, upon which the Supreme Court decided adversely to the railroad company, and the bonds have consequently remained unissued. I advise the repeal of the act, because if not repealed it will stand upon the statute books as a perpetual offer to the company of State bonds, and might be availed of by it even after the completion of the road by aid from other sources.

BOARD OF HEALTH AND QUARANTINE.

The ravages of the last yellow fever epidemic, which prevailed so destructively in the city of New Orleans and in other portions of the State during the summer and fall months of the year just gone by, point to the fact that no more important subject requires your attention than the consideration of the measures necessary to prevent its recurrence. It is a question affecting not only the life and happiness of the people of the State, but also their material advancement.

There exists some difference of opinion as to whether the vellow fever is always brought to New Orleans, or whether it sometimes originates here. There exists also difference of opinion as to the effectiveness of quarantine as a measure of safety against the introduction and spread of the disease. It is argued that the summer trade of New Orleans is to be jeopardized upon mere conjectures, and it is contended that the occupation of many of her good citizens is to be broken up on the strength of mere theories. I am satisfied that no injury will ever be inflicted upon any portion of the community under circumstances where wrong will be added to injury. but the very basis of all society is that individual good must yield to that of the public, and it is the part of wisdom to throw the benefit of the doubt in favor of the lesser evil.

We have to select between two theories. The first one, if it be correct, may secure the interest of a small class, but, if it is wrong, may cause the sacrifice of a large number of lives as well as large property interests. The second theory, if it be a true one, saves a whole people, and, if it be an erroneous one, injures only a comparatively small number of

persons, that interest being simply a moneyed one.

The one theory adoption of open the trade through the mouth of the Mississippi river; but the keeping open of that trade will be at the risk of losing and shutting off the whole inland trade. The experience of this year in this respect should not be overlooked in reaching the conclusions. I believe the only way of thoroughly testing the efficacy of quarantine as a means towards preventing the introduction from foreign ports of yellow fever into New Orleans and other portions of Louisiana, is by removing opportunities for evasions resorted to for the promotion of private interests and cupidity. When, therefore, the State Board of Health announces that, in its opinion, there exist sufficient grounds for enforcing a quarantine against foreign infected ports, no vessel, person or article should be permitted to enter the port of the city of New Orleans, or any other port of the State open to the Gulf of Mexico, so long as the necessity for quarantine continues to exist. The Board of Health and all officers connected with the quarantine service should be placed beyond the power of either deception or temptation. A board composed of thoroughly representative men would not be likely to exercise lightly the power of establishing quarantine when its results would be so serious to a portion of the business community. There could be no motive for its doing so. Between the pressure 'which, all doubt, would be brought to bear upon it in favor of tardily exercising this power, and the responsibility which would attach to the board should it improperly vield to this pressure, it would be safe to assume that the board would take its conscience and judgment as its only guide.

There is one branch of the subject of quarantine which must not be overlooked. I refer to the police power granted by section 2453 and the sixteenth paragraph of section 2743 of the Revised Statutes. It would be inconsistent to legislate in favor of a right of protection by quarautining against foreign ports and deny a similar right against an inland place where the disease actually exists. The right, therefore, must be conceded, but its exercise should be regulated. I invite, therefore, your attention to the ascertainment of some method which shall place this right under some uniform regulation. The Board of Health of the city of New Orleans is the proper authority to control the inspection of cattle intended for slaughter for its market, and I desire that the power of appointing an inspector, now vested in me, be transferred to the board, fixing, at the same time, a salarled compensation, and making the fees now allowed a part of the revenues of the board. This course will add to the efficiency of the inspection and increase the public revenues.

THE STATE PRINTING.

In December of 1877 the Printing Board entered into a contract with George W Dupre for the State printing, under act No. 49 of 1877. Under the provisions of that law the board was convened in December, 1878, for the purpose of making a new contract. The lowest bid offered was that of George W. Dupre, and he having simultaneously with his bid produced the written consent of Messrs. Fazende and Seixas to become his securitles, the board, on inquiry and satisfactory reply as to their solvency, accepted the bid. On the subsequent presentation to the Auditor of a bond with these persons as securities, this officer disapproved of the securities, and so notified me. I then requested Mr. Dupre to inform me whether he proposed to offer additional securities, and received a reply which was substantially to the effect that he joined issue with the Auditor on the correctness of his conclusion; in other words, contending that the contract was complete and the rights of parties legally fixed by it. The rejection of the securities, coupled with the fact that no steps were taken to test the action of the State Auditor, place matters in an embarrassing and anomalous situation. The old contract, which, by law, was to continue until the new one should take effect, was secured as to its performance by the same securities that were rejected for the new one, and was at much higher rates than the new one. At the same time that the bid of Mr. Dupre was received there were two others received, both of them at higher rates than that of Mr. Dupre, but both at rates exceedingly advantageous to the State. These bids were not acted on by reason of the action taken on the lowest bid. When the complication arose resulting from the rejection of the securities I convened the board, with the object of taking such action in the premises as it would deem proper. An interchange of views at this meeting resolted in a resolution declaring that the board did not feel authorized to act in the matter, this resolution being based on the idea that the State Printer is a State officer, and that the failure to give the bond required by law operated a vacancy in the office, which should be filled by the Executive under existing laws. I have the most serious doubt as to the correctness of this conclusion. I prefer

that you should dispose of these doubts by express action on the subject. If the rights of Mr. Dupre be fixed as claimed, they should be maintained under the contract as made. Should you adopt the views of the board, and so inform me by resolution, I will proceed once to make a contract under reservations such as to guard the interests of the State from an absolute contract and at the same time afford an opportunity to the party claiming the contract already made to test his rights. During the summer I had handed to me a copy of a special report of the grand jury of the parish of Orleans, in which the attention of the law officers of the State was requested to be directed to certain alleged overcharges for work done, and asserted to have been not legally authorized, for which warrants had issued. This report was submitted to the Attorney General on his return from a temporary absence with the request that he examine into the matter and report to me his conclusions. He informs me, as the result of an investigation made by him with the assistance of experts, that he does not think the facts will warrant a criminal prosecution against the State Printer, and that whilst the report of the umpire shows a larger amount claimed than in his (the umpire) optnion was due, that there existed a difference of opinion among printers on the subject matter. He informs me that he intends testing this question judicially and that in the meantime the warrants will not be paid.

I have the pleasure to report to the General Assembly that Mr. William W. Corporan, a much esteemed citizen of the District of Columbia, and a man of great public spirit and benevolence, has, since your last meeting, presented to the State of Louisiana, through its Executive Department, a large and fine painting of the battle of New Orleans, the work of Mr. Lamee, a celebrated French artist. This painting has been assigned a temporary place in the State-House, in the city of New Orleans, awaiting its final deposit by the General Assembly of the State in some of the State buildings or other public place. I recommend that the thanks of the General Assembly, in the name of the people of Louisiana, be communicated to the philanthropic donor of this acceptable gift.

The reports of the various heads of departments and public institutions having been unavoidably delayed, I shall probably take occasion, at some future day, to make to you such further recommendations as may be deemed necessary for the public well being.

Upon you devolves the grave duty of car-

rying on the work of relieving the people of this State from all the burdens consequent upon so many years of misgovernment, of preserving the public faith, of the lifting up of the standard of this great commonwealth to its former condition of prosperity and happiness. I am assured that you bring to the discharge of your constitutional duties a high sense of the great responsibility which they entail. The constitution, by which these duties are imposed and limited, in many particulars, will restrain you in your legitimate desire to effectuate good for the people of the State. The last General Assembly having experienced this restraint, sought to remove it by submitting amendments to the organic law correcting many abuses which were beyond legislative control. The failure to adopt these amendments leaves open to you the entire constitutional revision as the only remaining measure of entire relief. The proper and opportune period is particularly within the reach of your just decision. Should, however, your judgment point to its opportunity before the next general election, then it seems to me the earlier the necessary fiscal legislation can be devised the better, so as to enable you to adjourn at the earliest possible moment after providing for the convention, thus saving the cost of a prolonged ses FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS. sion.

Mr. Murrell offered the following resolu-

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Speaker to examine and report, by bill or otherwise, upon that portion of the Governor's message relating to disturbances in the country parishes.

Lies over under he rules.

Mr. Liddell moved that the Governor's message be referred to a select committee of five members.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Demas moved that five hundred copies of the message be printed for the use of the House.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Arnauld asked and obtained leave to introduce, out of order, the petition of Louis M. Alexandre and others in behalf of the clerks of the city of New Orleans, praying that merchants and others be compelled to close their establishments at 7 o'clock p. m., and on the Sabbath day.

Referred to the Committee on City Affairs.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

The following named members gave notice, after a suspension of the rules, that they would at some future day introduce the following bills, to wit:

By Mr. Jeffries-

"An act to repeal section 1 of act No. 60, extra session of 1877, and to authorize police juries to pass ordinances for the protection of wild deer."

By Mr. Jeffries-

"An act to provide for the payment of the salaries of constitutional officers on their own warrants; authorizing tax collectors throughout the State to pay over to constitutional officers, on their own warrants, any moneys collected by them for the general fund; and also to pay the salaries of constitutional officers due for the year 1878 by preference; and fixing a penalty for speculating in warrants by tax collectors."

By Mr. Veazev-

"A bill authorizing the Police Jury of Iberia parish to levy a special tax for the construction of a parish prison."

By Mr. Hasam-

"An act for the repeal of act No. 10, session of 1878, concerning jurisdiction of justices of the peace, parish of Orleans."

By Mr. Veazey-

"An act extending the limits of the corporation of Iberia."

By Mr. Parmelee-

"An act to create a Recorder's Court for the Sixth and Seventh Municipal Districts of the city of New Orleans."

By Mr. Redon-

"An act to repeal act No. 26 of regular session 1878, entitled 'Moffett Register Bill.'"

By Mr. Liddell-

"An act separa ing the duties of registration from those of the assessor's office, and authorizing the appointment of a registrar in each parish sixty days previous to a general or special election."

By Mr. Arnauld-

"An act to repeal act No. 25 of session of 1868, entitled 'An act to increase the revenues of the State, and to authorize the incorporation and establishment of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, and to repeal certain acts now in force."

By Mr. Lyons-

"An act providing for the call of a Constitutional Convention."

By Mr. Bower-

"An act to amend and re-enact section 27 of act No. 23, approved March 26, 1877, entitled 'An act to regulate public education in the State of Louisiana; to provide a revenue for the same; to impose certain penalties,' etc."

By Mr. Hammond-

"An act in regard to formation of a levee district lying partly in Arkansas and partly in Louisiana.

By Mr. Murrell-

"An act to be entitled 'An act to repeal act

No. 5 of the extra session of 1878, approved March 26, 1878."

By Mr. Hasam -

"An act for the protection of laborers, mechanics and dealers in building material, in furnishing material and labor for the construction of any building or work, by making the owner responsible for work done or material furnished in improving his property. Repeal of all acts in conflict with the same."

By Mr. Veazey-

"An act abolishing the office of tax collector in the country parishes."

By Mr. Gearey-

"An act to provide for the reduction of the floating debt of the State; to provide for the retirement from circulation of all outstanding liabilities in the shape of State warrants legally issued under the authority of the State up to the thirty-first of December, 1878; to instruct all tax collectors to receive said warrants and liabilities of the State for licenses and other taxes, excepting that tax levied for the interest on the bonded debt; to instruct the Auditor in the premises, fixing penalties, and for other purposes."

By Mr. Bienvenu-

"An act to abolish the office of public administrator in and for the parish of Orleans in this State; to repeal act No. 87 of 1870," etc.

By Mr. Moncure-

"An act relative to sureties on attachment bonds, and authorizing new securities to be given in certain cases."

By Mr. Potts-

"An act to amend and re-enact section 2 of act approved March 11, 1878, 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authorize the company to make its mortgage bonds and secure them by a first mortgage bonds and secure them by a first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pledge of said mortgage bonds to the State, and the term thereof, and to regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds."

By Mr. Parmelee-

"An act to incorporate Protector Fire Company No. 2 of the city of New Orleans."

By Mr. Steckman-

"An act to repeal act No. 334 of the acts of 1878, entitled 'An act to provide a revenue for the State from licenses on occupations of dealers in and sellers of wine,' etc."

By Mr. Smart-

"An act for the improvement of the navigation of the Sabine river, and to make an appropriation for the same."

By Mr. R. P. O'Brien-

"An act to authorize the police jury of Vermillion parish to levy a special tax to create a fund to pay the outstanding indebtedness of said parish."

Also,

"An act to authorize the police jury of Vermillon parish to levy a special tax with which to raise funds to build a parish jail."

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following entitled bills were introduced without previous notice:

By Mr. Munday-

House bill No. 1,

"An act for the relief of delinquent taxpayers of the State of Louisiana."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second—reading—and—referred to the Committee on Ways and Menus.

By Mr. Munday -

House bilt No. 2.

"An act in regard to Notaries Public or other persons, not to require the payment of any taxes due on property before they can pass acts of sale of the same."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Bienvenu-

House bill No. 3,

"An act for the relief of taxpayers of the city of New Orleans."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading and ordered to be referred to the Committee on City Affairs

By Mr. Martin, of Claiberne -

House bill No. 4,

"An act to provide for the payment of the members, officers and contingent expenses of the General Assembly for the year 1879."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading and referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

By Mr. Arnauld-

House bill No. 5,

"An act authorizing the ladies of the Sacred Heart, a religious coporation of the parish of Orleans, to sue the State."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Scott-

House bill No. 6,

"An act to authorize the police jury of the parish of Franklin to levy a special tax in said parish for an amount sufficient to build or rebuild a parish jail."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs,

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By Mr. Bienvenu-

House bill No. 7,

"An act to amend and re-enact section 1693 of the Revised Statutes of 1869, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McKee -

House bill No. 8.

"An act to provide for the appointment of a tax collector for the Fifth District of New Orleans,"

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on City Affairs,

By Mr. Taylor-

House bill No. 9,

"An act to further regulate the trial of appeals in the Supreme Court of the State of Louistona."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was read a second-time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr.Warmoth presented the petition of Geo. W. Waters, contesting the seat of the Hon. Frank Marquez, of the Seventh Representative District of New Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Warmoth the petition was referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

The Concurrent Resolution received from the Senate January 6, was taken up, read and concurred in, as follows:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint committee of seven be appointed, to consist of three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President, and four members of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker, to examine the books and accounts of the Auditor of Public Accounts and the State Treasurer, in compliance with the requirements of section 1540 and of other sections of the Revised Statutes.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State:

Office of Secretary of State, \(\) New Orleads, January -, 1879. \(\) Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker of the House of

Representatives:

Dear Sir—In compliance with the proviions of section 1432 of the Revised Statutes f this State, approved March 14, 1870, I have he honor to transmit to you the petition and epositions taken in the matter of the contest f the election of M. H. Redon, Representave elect from the tenth ward, parish of Orans, by Joseph H. Spearing, which I will "spectfully request you to submit to the ouse of Representatives.

I have the honor to be your obedient rvant, WILL. A. STRONG, Secretary of State.

The communication and accompanying pa-

pers were referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

A recess of five minutes was taken for the purpose of receiving a number of ladies and gentlemen belonging to a party of exemptionists from Northern cities about to visit Mexico.

On the motion of Mr. Liddell the House adjourned until Thursday, January 9, at 11 o'clock a. m.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Third Day's Proceedings.

House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, Thursday, January 9, 1879, The House met at 11 o'clock. Present:

Hon. J. C. Moncare, Speaker, and Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bord, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cousin, Chuningham, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Brien, Parmelee, Pope, Otts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Steckman, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Walton, Watson, Welsh, Wise and Young.

Seventy-four members and a quorum.

After roll call prayer was offered by the Rev. A. J. Tardy.

The journal of January 7 was approved.

Hon. Albert Estopinal, of the parish of St. Bernard, presented himself at the Speaker's stand and took the constitutional oath of office.

The Speaker announced the following appointment of pages: Patrick Greenau, Edward Madden, William Duffy, John Shea and Joseph Kennedy.

The Speaker announced the following committee on the part of the House on the Concurrent Resolution of the Senate providing for a joint committee to examine the books and accounts of the State Auditor and State Treasurer: Messrs. Steele, Cordill, Gubernator, and Brown, of Jefferson.

The Speaker also announced the following special committee on the message of the Governor:

Messrs. Liddell, Bridger, Wise, Jones and Murrell.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS. Mr. Liddell presented the petition of H. E. Gilmore, contesting the seat of H. C. War-

Which was referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications,

moth.

Mr. Brown, of Jefferson, presented the petition of J. H. Coker, contesting the seat of E. L. Bower,

Which was referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. Bridger asked and obtained leave to withdraw papers and documents attached to House bill No. 102, introduced by Mr. Wilde in the session of 1877, being

"An act for the relief of John J. Taylor Phebe Ann Duncanson and Mary Jane Rogers."

Mr. Hill offered the following

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO PETER J. TREZ-EVANT, ESQ.

Resolved. That the thanks of the House of Representatives be and they are hereby tendered to Peter J. Trezevant, Esq., late Chief Clerk, for the assistance rendered by him in perfecting our organization at the opening of the present session. In severing his official connection with the legislative department of this State, in which he has served long and faithfully, he has left upon the minds and hearts of many hundreds of legislators and many thousands of citizens of Louisiana an impression which can never be effaced. have found in him a servant of the State who was always at his post of duty, always familiar with his difficult task, always prepared to perform his work efficiently and promptly, always maintaining thorough order in his department, and always courteous and manly in his demeanor toward members and officers of the General Assembly and the public. Wherever his duty may call him, he will bear with him the assurance of the esteem and appreciation of all who have known him personally or officially.

On the motion of Mr. Hill the rules of the House were suspended and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

The following named members gave notice that they would at some future day introduce the following entitled bills, to wit:

By Mr. Walton, of Concordia-

"An act changing the jurisdiction of justice of the peace in Concordia parish."

By Mr. Como-

"An act for the relief of the widow and children of the late G. P. Voorhies, assessor of the parish of Avoyelles,"

By Mr. Monenre-

"An act in relation to appeals to the Supreme Court from the parishes of Caddo, Bossier, De Soto and Red River."

By Mr. Potts-

"An act to amend bill No. 60, entitled 'An act for the protection of game animals and birds in the State of Louisiana."

By Mr. Estophal

"An act to authorize T. A. Flanagan to sue the State."

By Mr. Bienvenn

"An act to amend and re-enact article No. 2712 of the Revised Civil Code of Louisiana."

By Mr. Lyons --

"An act to enable the St. Charles Hotel Company to contract for a loan of money and to give proper security therefor."

By Mr. Bower

"An act to regulate the fees of office of the Recorder of Mortgages and the Register of Conveyances of the city of New Orleans."

Also, "An act to amend section 1 of act No. 23, approved March 30, 1878, entitled 'An act to apportion the State into senatorial and representative districts, and to amend and reenact section I of act No. 1 of the session of 1876,' approved January 31, 1876."

By Mr. Vidrine.

"An act to amend and re-enact sections 5, 12, 38 and 49 of act No. 96, approved April 20. 1877, entitled 'An act regulating the mode of assessing and collecting taxes throughout the State,' etc."

By Mr. Hawkins-

"An act to be entitled 'An act to incorporate Delta Hock and Ladder Fire Company No. 1.'" Also,

"An act to be entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Delta."

By Mr. Steele-

"An act granting to the Police Jury in and for the parish of Union certain privileges and powers in reference to the finances of the parish."

By Mr. Guidry-

"An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Royville, in the parish of Lafayette; to define its boundaries, and to provide for the election of mayor and councilmen; to prescribe their duties and powers, and to provide for government of the same,' "

Also,

"An act appropriating a snm of money for the clearing out of Bayou Vermillion."

By Mr. Renwick-

"An act to repeal act No. 68 of the regular session of 1878, authorizing the issue of bonds of the State to the New Orleans Pacific Railroad."

By Mr. Murrell-

"An act to be entitled 'An act to repeal an act known as the Moffett Register bill."

By Mr. Yeazey-

"An act to authorize the Police Jury of Iberia parish to levy and collect a special tax of three mills for a term of years to build a court-house and jail; to pledge the same for that purpose, and providing for the collection and disbursement thereof."

By Mr. Walton

"An act to change the manner of collecting taxes, and also a bill to change the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace."

By Mr. W. C. Martin, of Clalborne -

"An act to complete the cleaning out and draining of the lands on Bayou Dorchete, in the parish of Webster, and on Bayou Cornie, in the parish of Clalborne."

By Mr. Pope-

"An act to authorize the parish of West Baton Rouge to fund its indebtedness."

Also,

"An act to authorize the parish of West Baton Rouge to issue its bonds, to the amount of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000), for the purpose of building a court-house and jail."

Also.

"An act empowering police juries to appoint collectors of parish taxes, to fix their duties, and to regulate the collection of parish taxes."

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named members, in accordance with previous notice given, or by consent of the House without previous notice, introduced the following entitled bills, which were severally read, placed upon the calendar of the House, and, under a suspension of the rules, passed to their second reading and referred to committees respectively, as follows:

By Mr. Smith-House bill No. 10,

"An act to provide for supplying the loss of public records and other papers consumed by the burning of the court-house in the parish of Jackson."

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Jones-

House bill No. 11,

"An act to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled 'An act to provide for supplying the loss of the public records, and other purposes, consumed by the burning of the court-house in the parish of Winn during the month of February, 1868."

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Bower-

House bill No. 12,

"An act to amend and re-enact section 27 of act No. 23, approved March 26, 1877, entitled 'An act to regulate public education in the State of Louisiana; to provide a revenue for the same; to impose certain penalties,'" etc.

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Fitzgerald-

House bill No. 13,

"An act to incorporate the Lafayette Young Men's Benevolent Association of New Orleans." To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Potts-

House bill No. 14,

"An act to amend and re-enact section 2 of act approved March 11, 1878, 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authorize the company to make its mortgage bonds and secure them by a first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pledge of said mortgage bonds to the State, and the term thereof, and to regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds."

To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Moneure-

House bill No. 16,

"An act in relation to judicial bonds and sureties and the right to give additional security in certain cases."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Jeffries-

House bill No. 17,

"An act to provide for the payment of the salaries of constitutional officers on their own warrants; authorizing tax collectors throughout the State to pay over to constitutional officers, on their own warrants, any moneys collected by them for the general fund; and also to pay the salaries of constitutional officers due for the year 1878 by preference; and fixing a penalty for speculating in warrants by tax collectors."

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Jeffries-

House bill No. 18,

"An act to repeal section 1 of act No. 60, extra session of 1877, and to authorize police uries to pass ordinances for the protection of wild deer."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hammond-

House bill No. 19,

"An act to form a compact with the State of Arkansas, subject to the approval of the United States Congress, for the purpose of forming levee districts, situated partly in Louisiana and partly in Arkansas; to define the duration of compact and how to be changed; to define the boundaries of the district and the character of the lands subject to taxation for levee purposes; to name the district; to appoint a board of control to be called a levee board; to define their organization, powers, duties and prohibitions; to provide a revenue for levee purposes; to provide for the care and police of levees in the district, and to define and punish certain offences against the provisions of this

act; and to repeal all conflicting laws and put this act in force, and for other purposes."

Referred to special committee of one member from each parish interested in the bill.

By Mr. Arnauld-House bill No. 20,

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to · increase the revenues of the State, and to authorize the incorporation and establishment of the Louisiana State Lottery Company,' and to repeal certain acts now in force, and for the purpose of abolishing said Louistana State Lottery Company."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Parmelee-

House bill No. 21,

"An act to incorporate Protector Fire Company No. 2, of the city of New Orleans."

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Bienvenu-

House bill No. 23,

"An act to abolish the office of public administrator of the city of New Orleans, and to repeal act No. 87 of 1870, entitled 'An act providing for the appointment of public administrators, and defining the duties of the same."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Steckman, in accordance with previous notice given, introduced a bill, which was read and placed upon the calendar of the House as

House bill No. 15,

"An act to repeal act No. 26 of the extra session of 1871, approved April 27, 1878."

Mr. Murrell moved a suspension of the rules in order to put the bill on its second reading, and on that motion called for the yeas and nays, with the following result

Yeas - Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauid, Bartheimy, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bord, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Fensas, Brown, of Jefferson, Carter, Coleman, Cousin, of Jofferson, Carter, Coleman, Cousin, Cunningham, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Cunningham, Davidson of Iberville, Denas, Decuir, Ducote, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Moneure, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, O'Brien, Parmelee, Potts, Rabonin, Reaney, Redon, Sharp, Scratchley, Steckman, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumport, Taylor, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Welsh, Weightman, Wise and Young—68. Navs—Messrs. Bridger, Lyons, Pone, Ren.

Nays—Messrs, Bridger, Lyons, Pope, Ren-wick, Ryland, Smart, Steele, Torrey and

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The rules were suspended and the bill was passed to its second reading.

Mr. Demas moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Murroll moved that the motion to refer be laid upon the table.

Which motion, by a rising vote of 36 yeas to 40 nays, was lost.

Mr. Murrell moved to amend the motion to refer, so as to make the bill the special order of the day for January 10, immediately after the reading of the journal.

Mr. Demas moved that the motion to amend be laid upon the table.

Which motion, by a rising vote of 36 years to 45 nays, was lost.

The motion to amend was adopted, and the bill was made the special order of the day for June 10, immediately after the reading of the journal.

Mr. Lyons, in accordance with previous notice given, introduced a bill, which was read and placed upon the calendar of the House as

House bill No. 22,

"An act to provide for a convention to frame a new constitution of the State, and making an appropriation to pay the expenses of the same."

Mr. Murrell moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday next, and be made the special order of the day for that day, and that it be printed.

Mr. Lyons moved that the motion to postpone be laid on the table.

On which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Demas, with the following result:

Yeas-Messra. Armstrong. Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Bienvenu, Bord, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carter, Coco, Cousin, Cunningham, Dupaty, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Dupaty, Estopinal, Fitzgeraid, ceatey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Fammany, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Moncure, Mixon, Munday, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, o'Brien, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Reuwick, Robeson, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steala Steckman, Smith of Jackson, Scott. Steele, Steekman, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Welsh, Weightman, Wise, Walton, V Young-70

Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Bord, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Ducote, Frazer, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary, Veazey and Warmoth—20.

The motion to postpone was laid on the

Mr. Lyons moved that the rules be suspended in order to put the bill on its second reading.

On which motion Mr. Demas called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs, Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, ridger. Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of Ten-Bridger, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of Ten-sas, Carter, Coco, Cousin, Cunningham, Es-

topinal, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jen-kins, Jones, Lauer, Elddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claikins, Jones,
Martin of St. Lanury,
Morene, Mixon, Munborne, Marquez, Moncure, Mixon, Munborne, MeElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles,
MeElroy, McKee, Potts, Rabouin,
Sharp, day, McEiroy, McKee, Nearey, Avenas, day, McEiroy, McKee, Nearey, Avenas, O'Brien, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Steckman, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Welsh, Weightman, Wise, Young 64.

Navs Messrs. Barthelmy, Bard, Bour Comp.

Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Bord, Bour geois, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Derville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Ducote, Frazer, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Murrell, Smith, Veazey, Warmoth—

The House refused to suspend the rules.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

> SENATE CHAMBER, New Ocloans, January 7, 1879.

To the Henorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has passed and requests your concurrence in the accompanying Concurrent Resolution to create a joint committee to prepare and report a bill providing for the calling of a constitutional convention, and the President of the Senate has appointed as the committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Bowden, Herron, Tex Ellis, Harper and Delahoussaye. Herron, Texada, Kenner,

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG. Secretary of the Senate.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons the Senate's concurrent resolution was taken up, under a suspension of the rules, and read as follows:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of seven on the part of the Senate and on the part of the House of Representatives be appointed by the presiding officers of the Senate and House to prepare and report a bill for the calling of a constitutional convention. and said committee be and is hereby instructed to report within forty-eight hours from their appointment.

On his further motion the blank was filled by the number nine.

The resolution was concurred in.

The Speaker appointed as a committee on the part of the House, on the foregoing Concurrent Resolution, Messrs. Lyons, Brent, Jeffries, Hill, Munday, Liddell, Smith of St. Mary, Estopinal and Como.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Carron, Davidson of Red River, Durio and Ross.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, inclosing the petition of Vincent Dickinson, contesting the seat of Lucien Como, Representative elect from the parish of St. James.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

The Speaker announced the following special committee on House bill No. 19.

"An act to form a compact with the State of Arkansas, subject to the approval of the Congress of the United States, relative to levees," etc.:

Messrs, Lott, Barthelmy, Murrell, Brown of Tensas, G. L. Walton, M. J. Liddell, H. M. Scott, N. B. Torrey, R. D. Bridger, J. D. Hammond and W. P. Renwick.

The Speaker announced the following STANDING COMMITTEES:

Committees on Ways and Means -Jas. Jeffries, chairman; J. L. Brent, Htram R. Lott, O. B. Steele, R. H. Ryland, A. Rabouin, Leon Holzhalb, J. Deeuir, Thos. M. Frazier.

Committee on Enrollment-R. D. Bridger. chairman; E. E. Smart, A. Cousin, R. M. Armstrong, Frank R. Marquez, Thos. Hasam, Y. Vidrine, J. C. Vance, R. Coleman, C. F. Brown of Jefferson, P. A. Landry.

Committee on Judiciary-T. B. Lyons, chairman; J. D. Hill, R. D. Bridger, Jas. Jeffries, John S. Billieu, M. J. Liddell, M. J. Cunningham, H. C. Warmoth, Louis Arnauld.

Committee on Parochial Affairs-E. E. Smart, chairman; N. W. Pope, Hiram R. Lott, H. T. Smith, J. J. Schumpert, J. H. Hay, T. J. Mixon, H. C. Warmoth, A. Estopinal.

Committee on Claims-B. F. Jenkins, chairman; J. D. Nettles, Jas. Nealey, W. McKee George W. Young, J. M. Robeson, E. Detiege, Wm. Murrell.

Special Committee on City Affairs-J. D. chairman; E. L. Bower, Richard Weightman, W. E. Fitzgerald, Jos. D. Taylor, F. Marquez, Louis Arnauld,

Committee on Lands and Levees-C. C. Cordill, chairman; Hiram R. Lott, J. L. Brent, G. L. Walton, J. C. Wise, John Reaney, N. B. Torrey, C.A. Bourgeois and Governor Haw-

Committee on Contingent Expenses-J. D. Hammend, chairman; W. C. Ross, Jas. P. Gearey, Martin Carron, M. H. Redon, W. A. Bienvenu, W. C. Martin and R. Barthelmy.

Committee on Public Health and Quarantine-R. H. Ryland, chairman; H. L. Smith, J. D. Hammond, J. J. Schumpert, H. D. Guidry, J. M. Hart, M. Gordon, Chas. Dupaty, C. F. Brown.

Mr. Hammond called up the resolution for the investigation of the State Printer's account, and it was passed.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Warmoth for three days,

On motion of Mr. Demas, the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 m.

C.M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Fourth Day's Proceedings.

House of Representatives. State of Louisiana, New Orleans, Friday, January 10, 1879,

Present: The House met at 12 m.

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs-Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridg-er, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bond, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Coleman, Cousin, Cuningham, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Estopinal, Frazer, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Cubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hammond, Cubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hammond, Cubernator, Hammond, Hart, Ha Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, sam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Holzbalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, Nealey Neton, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, Nealey, Netles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Steekman, Simmonds, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Watson, Welsh, Weightman, Wise, Young.

Eighty-nine members and a quorum.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. A. J. Tardy. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The following messages were received from the Senate:

ENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 10, 1879,

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

bouse of Representatives: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has passed and requests your concurrence in the accompanying Concurrent Resolution, making a committee of the House and Senate to investigate the ac-counts of the State Printer for the year 1878. etc.

Very respectfully.

JOHN CLEGG. Secretary of the Senate.

New Orleans, January 10, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives:

am directed to inform your honorable body, that the Senate has passed and requests

your concurrence in
Senate bill No. 7, entitled
"Joint Resolution relative to the improvement of the Bayou Teche."

Senate bill No. 12, entitled

'An act to increase the salaries of the sheriff and clerk of the parish of St. Landry," approved, March 18, 1860.

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate. The journal was amended and approved. R. H. Snider, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms was sworn.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, House bill No. 22,

"An act to provide for the convention to frame a new constitution of the State, and making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the same,"

Was taken up and and made the special order of the day for this day at 2 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Murrell moved that

House bill No. 15,

"An act to repeal act No. 26 of the extra session of 1878, approved April 27, 1878,"

Being the special order of the day for this day immediately after the reading of the journal, be taken up.

Mr. Carville moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Murrell moved that the motion to refer be laid upon the table.

Pending this motion, Mr. Murrell moved that the vote by which the House adopted the journal of yesterday be reconsidered.

The motion to reconsider prevailing, Mr. Demas moved that the adoption of the journal be postponed until to-morrow, January 11.

The motion was carried, and the adoption of the journal was postponed.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Hawkins presented a memorial of Mr. John Taylor, contesting the seat of Mr. S. F. Parmelee, of the Twelfth Representative District of the parish of Orleans.

On the motion of Mr. Hawkins it was referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of B. Armbruster, Clerk of the Third District Court of the parish of Orleans, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Martin, of Claiborne, presented a Concurrent Resolution, entitled

"Concurrent Resolution in regard to donation of United States lands for educational purposes."

Lies over.

Mr. Bower offered the following Concurrent Resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, both Houses concurring, That the thanks of the General Assembly, and through them of the ceneral Assembly, and through them of the citizens of the State, are hereby tendered to W. W. Corcoran, of the city of Washington District of Columbia, for the painting of the "Battle of New Orleans," donated by him to the State of Louisiana; and that the Governor be and is hereby directed to cause the sale mainting to be placed in some consultant. painting to be placed in some conspicuous position in the Capitol, where it may serve as a reminder of the glorious event it was in tended by the eminent artist to portray, and of the kindly feeling and liberality of the distinguished donor.

Mr. Bower moved a suspension of the rules

in order to take up the resolution.

The motion to suspend prevailing, the resolution was adopted unanimously, and notice thereof was ordered to be communicated to the Senate.

Mr. Pope asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House for 1878 the

bill No. 283.

At his own request Mr. Detlege was excused from serving on the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, and the Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Bourgeois in his place on said committee.

Mr. Billieu offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Elections and Qualifications be authorized to employ a clerk.

On the motion of Mr. Walton the resolution was amended by adding "the Committee on Lands and Levees."

The resolution was adopted as amended. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Bridger submitted the following report, for the chairman on behalf of the special committee on the Governor's message, as follows:

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Rei resentatives:

Your special committee to whom was referred the Governor's message beg leave to

make the following report: They recommend that the portion of the message relating to disturbances in the coun-

try be referred to the Committee on Judiclary That part relating to the financial condition

of the State, be referred to the Committee on

Ways and Means. That part of the message on election laws they recommend be referred to the Committee on Registration.

That part of the message relating to levees, the Committee on Public Lands and to the Levees.

That part relating to vacancies in office, to

the Judiciary Committee

That part relating to public schools, to the Committee on Public Education. That part relating to the Penitentiary, to

the Committee on Penitentiary.
That part relating to charitable institutions, to the Committee on Charitable and Public Institutions.

That part in relation to the Pacific Railroad bonds, to the Committee on Judiciary. That part which relates to health and quarantine, to the Committee on Public Health

and Quarantine That part relating to State printing, to the Committee on Public Printing.

Respectfully submitted

M. J. LIDDELL, Chairman.

On the motion of Mr. Bridger, the rules were suspended in order to take up the report; and on his further motion the report was adopted.

The following named members gave notice I that they would at some future day introduce the following entitled bills, as follows:

By Mr. Smith, of Jackson-

"An act for the relief of Jackson parish, demanded in consequence of the burning of the court-house and records of said parish."

By Mr. Jenkins-

"An act for the purpose of equalizing and making uniform the exemption laws of the State of Louisiana."

By Mr. Cordill.

"An act to pay salaries of parish judges for the years 1877 and 1878, in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court."

By Mr. Torrey-

"An act to establish boards of medical examiners for all parishes in the State, the parish of Orleans excepted."

By Mr. Torrey-

"An act to exempt sheep from taxation."

By Mr. M. J. Hart-

"An act to limit the drainage districts of the parish of Orleans, and to provide measures of relief for the taxpayers therein."

By Mr. Hill-

"An act to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars for the support and maintenance of the Charity Hospital at New Orleans, and directing the manner of drawing the same."

"An act to supply the deficiency in appropriations of 1875 and 1876 for salaries of district judges, and particularly for the salaries of the Judges of the Seventh and Eighth District Courts for the parish of Orleans.'

By Mr. Ducote-

"An act to change the name of Mayo Stone Robertson to Oscar Edwin Robertson."

By Mr. Rabouin-

"An act to provide for the municipal budget or estimates of receipts and expenditures of the city of New Orleans," etc.

By Mr. Hawkins-

"An act to be entitled 'An act to refund the parish indebtedness of the parish of Madison."

By Mr. Lott-

"An act to define particularly the duties and enlarge the powers of the commissioners appointed by act No. 24, section 14 of said act, passed at the extra session of the General Assembly held in 1877, and approved twentysixth of March."

By Mr. Rabouin-

"An act to amend act No. 96 of 1877, relative to the mode of assessment."

By Mr. Billieu-

"An act to define and regulate the costs and fees of the clerks, sheriffs, recorders, notaries public, justices of the peace, and constables throughout the State of Louisiana, and providing forfeitures and penalties for overcharging or failing to perform their du- preme Court of the State from the parishes of ties, and the mode of collecting their fees; making it a misdemeanor for any of the said officers to demand or collect any other or greater fees than are set forth, and fixing a punishment therefor."

By Mr. Arnauld-

"An act to provide for the payment of the officers and employees of the government of the city of New Orleans," etc.

By Mr. Taylor-

"An act regulating assessments in the parish of Orleans."

By Mr. Parmelee-

"An act for the relief of the Insane Asylum of the city of New Orleans."

By Mr. Bower-

"An act to empower the City Council of New Orleans to fix the compensation of all officers of the parish of Orleans whose salaries or fees of office are payable by the said city; provided, however, the compensation under existing laws shall not be exceeded."

"An act authorizing the Registrar of Voters of the parish of Orleans to employ a porter in his office, and fixing salary of same."

"An act to make warrants issued to the Registrar of Voters, parish of Orleans, receivable for taxes and licenses."

By Mr. Bower-

"An act to create the office of State tax collector for the Sixth and Seventh Municipal Districts of the parish of Orleans; the manner of his appointment; fixing his commissions for the collection of taxes and licenses."

By Mr. Fitzgerald-

"An act conveying the thanks of the General Assembly to Mr. W. W. Corcoran, of Washington, D. C., in grateful acknowledgment of his generous gift to the State of Louisiana of the celebrated painting of the battle of New Orleans, by Lamie."

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named members, in accordance with previous notice given, or by consent of the House without previous notice, introduced the following entitled bills, which were severally read, placed upon the calendar of the House, and, under a suspension of the rules, passed to their second reading and referred to committees respectively, as follows:

By Mr. Walton-

House bill No. 24.

"An act to confer additional powers upon the Justices of the Peace of the parish of Concordia.'

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Walton-

House bill No. 25.

Caddo, Bossier, DeSoto and Red River."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Young

House bill No. 26.

"An act to authorize Mr. Joseph Katz to change his name."

To the Committee on the Judielary.

By Mr. Pope --

House bill No. 27.

"An act to empower and authorize the Police Jury of the parish of West Baton Rouge to contract indebtedness for the purpose of building a court-house and jail for said parish, and to provide for the payment of the Same."

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Hasam -

House bill No. 28,

"An act to repeal act No. 10, session of 1878, entitled an act relative to civil jurisdiction of justices of the peace in the parish of Orleans."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Veazey

House birl No. 29,

"An aci to authorize the Police Jury of Iberia parish to levy and collect a special tax of three mills for a term of years to build a court-house and jail and to pledge the same for that purpose, and providing for the collection and disbursement thereof," etc.

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Potts-

House bill No. 30,

"An act for the protection of fish, partridges and quaits."

To a special committee,

By Mr. Coco-

House bill No. 31,

"An act for the relief of the widow and children of G. P. Voorhees, late assessor of the parish of Avoyelles."

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Estopinal-

House bill No. 32.

"An act to authorize T. A. Flanagau to sue the State."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Billieu-

House bill No. 33,

"An act to define and regulate the cost and fees of the clerks, sheriffs, recorders, notaries public, justices of the peace and constables throughout the State of Louisiana, and providing forfeitures and penalties for overcharging or failing to perform their duties; and the mode of collecting their fees, making it a misdemeanor for any of said officers to "An act in relation to appeals to the Su- demand or collect any other or greater fee

than are set forth, and fixing a punishment therefor."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

BILL ON FIRST READING.

By Mr. Bower-

House bill No. 34,

"An act to amend that portion of section I of act No. 23, approved March 30, 1878, entitled 'An act to apportion the State Into senatorial and representative districts, and to amend and re-enact section 1 of act No. 1 of the session of 1876,' approved January 31. 1876, commencing with the words, 'twelfth representative district, twelfth ward, one representative,' and ending with the words, 'fifteenth representative district, fifteenth ward, one representative."

This bill underwent its first reading.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State:

NEW ORLEANS, January 10, 1879. Hon, J. C. Moneure, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

In compilance with the provisions of section 1432 or the Revised Statutes of this State, approved March 14, 1870, I have the honor to transmit to you the depositions taken in the matter of the contest of the election of J. Muse Watson, Representative cleet from the parish of St. Helena, by Charles E. Lea, which I will respectfully request you to submit to the House of Representatives.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

your obedient servant

WILL. A. STRONG, Secretary of State.

The communication and accompanying papers were referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

On the motion of Mr. Ryland the House took recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTER RECESS.

The call of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with.

House bill No. 22.

"An act to provide for a convention to frame a new constitution of the State, and making an appropriation to pay the expenses of the same,

Being the order of the day for 2 o'clock p. m., was taken up on its second reading.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE,

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House.

[Mr. Hill in the chair.]

The committee of the whole, on rising, reported through its chairman that it had considered House bill No. 22, and recommended its passage.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons the report of the committee of the whole was adopted,

Mr. Demas moved that the House adionrn.

The motion to adjourn was lost.

Mr. Lyons moved that the rules of the House be suspended in order to pass the bill on its second reading.

The motion prevailed.

The bill was read a second time, and on the further motion of Mr. Lyons was adopted as a whole by a rising vote of 74 yeas to'- nays.

On the further motion of Mr. Lyons the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Lyons moved to reconsider the vote on engrossment.

The motion to reconsider was carried.

Mr. Lyons moved to reconsider the vote on the adoption of the bill on its second reading.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Lyons moved to make the bill the special order of the day for January 11, at 2 o'eloek p. m.

The motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr. Steckman

House bill No. 15,

"An act to repeal act No. 26 of the extra session of 1878, approved April 27, 1878,"

Was taken up and made the special order of the day to-morrow immediately after reading of the journal.

Mr. Lott asked for a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing a bill out of order.

Objection being made, the year and nays were called on the motion to suspend, with

the following result:

Yeas—Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Bridger, Messrs. Allen, Bower, Carron, Carter, Co-Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Carron, Cuppingham. Dupaty, Fitz-Yeas-Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and oco, Cousin, Cunningham, Dupaty, Fitzgerald, Gearcy, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claitoorne, Marquez, Munday, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Ross, Byland Sharn, Smart, Scratchley Steele, Smith land, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Tay-jor, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, War-moth, Watson, Welsh, Weightman, Wise and

moth, watson,
Young -66.
Nays — Messrs. Barthelmy, Bourgeois,
Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Coleman, DavidDemas, Decuir, Ducote,
July Landry, Murrell,

Veazey—15

The motion to suspend was carried.

BILLS ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Lott presented a bill, which was read and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 35,

"An act to provide for the appointment of additional police jurors for the parish of East Carroll,"

Which underwent its first reading.

On the motion of Mr. Brown, of Jefferson, the House adjourned until 1 o'clock to-morrow.

> C. M. PEGUES. Chief Clerk.

Fifth Bay's Proceedings.

MOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, State of Louislana, New Orleans, Saturday, January 11, 1879.

The House was called to order at 1 o'clock

p. m.

Present—Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bienvenu, Bord, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Cole-man, Cordill, Cousin, Cunningham, David-ton, of Therville, Dumas, Decuir, Ducote, Present-Hon, J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Burio, Estopinal, Frazer, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Chaiborne, Marquez, Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marque, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Ross, Ry-Potts, Reaney, Scratchley, Steele, Stechland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Weightman, Wise and Young.

Ninety-two members and a quorum.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tardy of the Episcopal Church.

Journal of yesterday was amended and adopted.

Journal of the ninth was adopted as amended.

The Speaker announced that he had been summoned to appear before the Teller committee of the United States Congress, and asked leave of absence, which was granted.

[Mr. Hill in the chair.]

Mr. Demas asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Detiege for one day.

The special order of the day being House bill No. 15,

"An act to repeal act No. 26 of the extra session of 1878, approved April 27, 1878,"

Was taken up on second reading,

On the motion of Mr. Stechmann the bill was ordered to be taken as engrossed.

Mr. Murrell moved that the rules be suspended in order to place the bill on its third reading.

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Murrell moved that the bill be postponed and made the special order of the day for Monday next, January 13, immediately after the reading of the journal.

And on this motion he called for the yeas

and nays, with the following result:

Yeas Messrs. Barthelmy, Billieu, Bord, resident of Vermillion parish."

Bourgeois, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cunningham, Davidson of Iberville, Decuir, Ducote, Durlo, Gubernator, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Holzhalb, McElrov, McKee, Pope, Redon, Smart, Scratchley, Veazey, Vidrine, Young-28

Nays—Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, ienvenu, Bower, Brown of Tensus, Carter, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carter, Carville, Cordill, Cousin, Demas, Estopinal, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Cartal, Carville, Cordill, Cousin, Demas, Estopinal, Frazer, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guldry, Gordon, Hammond, Hill, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Mixon, Murrell, Nealey, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Potts, Rabonin, Reaney, Renwick, Ryland, Sharp, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Vance, Walton, Wise—51.

The motion to postpone was lost.

On motion of Mr. Ryland the bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Demas moved that the House do now adjourn in respect to the late Thomas J. Simmonds, of the parish of Washington, a Representative elect of the House of Representatives.

The motion to adjourn was lost.

Mr. Taylor asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the hands of the Clerk of the House of Representatives act No. 62 of the extra session of 1878.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

The following named members gave notice that they would at some future day introduce the following entitled bills, as follows:

By Mr. Moncure-

"An act donating certain lands to the Red River and Mississippi Railroad Company, and declaring the forfeiture of said lands by the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas Railroad Company.

By Mr. Landry-

"An act making all legal warrants, or rather State consols, receivable for licenses and taxes due the State, etc., amount five and a half mills."

By Mr. Landry-

"An act to enforce the duties of police jurors in the State, outside of New Orleans," etc.

By Mr. Demas--

"An act entitled 'An act for the relief of Edward Trepagnier, of St. John the Baptist."

By Mr. Davidson, of Iberville-

"An act to repeal act No. 84, session of 1878."

By Mr. O'Bryan-

A bill for the relief of Levy Hargraves, a resident of Vermillion parish, and authorizing the cancellation of certain notes and the retransfer of certain lands to the State.'

Also.

"A bill for the relief of Hypolite Belair, a

By Mr. Gubernator-

"An act for the relief of Charles J. Ledig, E. A. Bozonier, Jas. Demoruelle, W. A. Landry and W. A. O'Reily, for services rendered as clerks of registration for the months of May, June, July and August, 1878."

By Mr. Barthelmy-

"An act to repeal acts No. 24 and No. 25 of the extra session of 1877, and to re-establish the boundaries and representation in the General Assembly of the parish of Carroll."

By Mr. Lyons-

"An act providing for the payment of the judgment in the case of T. C. W. Ellis vs. the State."

By Mr. Stechmann

"An act relative to the State Printer."

By Mr. Taylor

"An act to provide a method for collecting the revenues of the State; to regulate the sale and redemption of property forfeited to the State for taxes."

By Mr. Weightman -

"An act to authorize a change of the name of Stella Lafitte, minor, to Stella Fuller, and to authorize Chs. O. and Arabella Fuller to adopt said minor."

By Mr. Brent-

"An act providing for the construction of a free bridge over the Bayou Lafourche, near its mouth, and for other purposes."

By Mr. Hasam-

"An act to establish and regulate the civil jurisdiction of justices of the peace for parish of Orleans, and to repeal all acts in conflict with the same."

By Mr. Taylor-

"An act to amend and re-enact an act en" titled 'An act to regulate and define the duties and to stipulate the jurisdiction and emoluments of coroner,' approved October 17, 1868."

By Mr. Scratchley-

"An act to amend and re-enact the act of May 16, 1877, entitled 'An act to protect the health of the city of New Orleans, relative to the slaughtering of live stock."

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Walton, in accordance with previous notice given, introduced a bill, which was placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 36,

"An act to amend section 9 of act approved April 20, 1877."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

At 2 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Ryland moved that the special order order of the day be taken up, being

House bill No. 22,

"An act to provide for a convention to frame a new constitution of the State; and making an appropriation to pay the expenses of the same."

Mr. Murrell moved that the motion of Mr. Ryland be laid on the table, and on that motion he called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas-Messrs. Barthelmy, Carville, Como. Davidson of Iberville, Frazer, Hawkins, Mur-

Nays—Messrs. Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bord, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Carter, Coco, Cordill. Cousin, Cunningham, Demas, Decuir, Ducote, Durio, F Gorden, Hart, Hite, Holzhalb, Fitzgerald. Gorden, Hart, Hite, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Nealey, Nettles, U Bryan, Redon, Renwick, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Ross, Eyland, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Smith of Ross, Eyland, Schumpert, Taylor, Torres, Wise, Young St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Wise, Young -61.

The motion to lay upon the table was lost, and the bill was taken up,

Mr. Lyons offered an amendment, and on its adoption he called for the previous question

On ordering the previous question Mr. Murrell called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas-Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bord, Bower, Carter, Coco, Cordill, Cousin, Cunningham, Deter, Coco, Cordin, Octobin, Canada and Market Market Hammond, Hart, Hay, Hill, don, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Holzbalb, Jeffries, Jonkins, Jones, Landry, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Brien, Parmelee, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Wise, Young—64.
Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Brown of Jeffer-

son, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Decuir, Ducote, Hawkins, Smith of

St. Mary, Veazey-11.

The main question was ordered and the amendment was adopted as follows:

After the word "apportioned," in line 5 of section 2, strike out the balance of the section and insert in lieu thereof the words, "as the members of the General Assembly of the State are now apportioned by law, and the several senatorial districts and parishes of the State and the representative districts of the city of New Orleans shall elect the same number of delegates and in the same manner as by existing laws each is entitled to Senators and Representatives in the General Assembly of the State."

Mr. Demas moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next and be printed.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons the motion to

postpone was laid upon the table.

On the further motion of Mr. Lyons, the bill was taken as engressed.

A motion being made that the bill now pass to its third reading with a view to its final passage,

The Speaker ruled that the bill, being now on its second reading, could not at this time be passed to its third reading without a suspension of the constitutional rule.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons the bill was made the special order of the day for January 13, immediately after reading of the journal.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

New Orleans, January 11, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate concurs in House Concurrent Resolution tendering thanks to the Hon. W. Corcoran for the painting of the battle of New Orleans, donated to the State, and directing the Governor to cause the same to be placed in some conspicuous place in the Capitol.

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate.

The Speaker announced the following standing committees of the House:

On State Library—Louis Arnauld of Orleans, chairman; H. M. Scott of Franklin, Geo. W. Young of Orleans, Geo. H. Stechmann of Orleans, W. P. Renwick of Ouachita, M. H. Redon of Orleans, R. P. O'Bryan of Vermillion, E. Ducote of Avoyelles, Moses R. Hite of Assumption, Geo. Hawkins of Madison.

Retrenchment and Reform—E. L. Bower of Orleans, chairman; A. Cousin of St. Tammany, R. M. Armstrong of Sabine, J. J. Carter of Webster, Homer Durio of St. Landry, A. M. Davidson of Red River, M. J. Hart of Orleans, Josiah D. Nettles of East Baton Rouge, Emile Detiege of St. Martin, R. Ducote of Avoyelles, Thos. M. Frazer of Lafourche.

Public and Private Land Claims—G. L. Walton of Concordia, chairman; John M. Welch of Cameron, W. J. Sharp of East Baton Rouge, Geo. H. Stechmann of Orleans.

Banks and Banking—M. Gordon of Orleans, chairman; Jas. P. Gearey of Caleasieu, J. Massie Martin of St. Landry, J. L. Guberna tor of Orleans, W. J. Sharp of East Baton Rouge, Kenner Scratchley of Orleans, G. W. Munday of East Feliciana, W. B. Smith of St. Mary, J. M. Carville of Iberville.

Public Education—Hiram R. Lott of West Carroll, chairman; J. C. Wise of Rapides, W. P. Renwick of Ouachita, H. M. Scott of Franklin, A. L. Brown of Tensas, J. M. Watson o St. Helena, A. Rabouin of Orleans, P. Af Veazey of Iberia, W. B. Smith of St. Mary.

Canals and Drainage—J. L. Gubernator of Orleans, chairman; W. E. Fitzgerald of Orleans, Y. Vidrine of St. Landry, A. Rabouin of Orleans, H. D. Guidry of Lafayette, T. J. Hightower of Bienville, Kenner Scratchley of Orleans, Albert Estopinal of St. Bernard, Henry Demas of St. John the Baptist.

Appropriations—James C. Wise of Rapides, chairman; J. M. Robeson of Lincoln, H. M. Scott of Franklin, H. T. Smith of Jackson, J. M. Jones of Winn, J. H. Hay of Claiborne, T. Hasam, Jr., of Orleans, P. H. Veazey of Iberia, W. B. Smith of St. Mary.

Public Buildings—Jos. D. Taylor of Orleans, chairman; Josiah D. Nettles of East Baton Rouge, S. F. Parmelee of Orleans, John Roaney of Orleans, W. C. Ross of Natchitoches, M. Carron of St. Landry, N. B. Torrey of Catahoula, Lucien Como of St. James, E. A. Landry of St. Mary.

Public and Charitable Institutions—Geo. W. Munday of East. Feliciana, chairman; S. M. Potts of DeSoto, Homer Durio of St. Landry, O. B. Steele of Union, John M. Welch of Cameron, J. C. Vance of Bossier, J. L. Gubernator of Orleans, P. A. Veazey of Iberia, E. A. Landry of St. Mary.

Internal Improvements—J. Massie Martin, of St. Landry, chairman; James M. Allen of Livingston, A. L. Brown of Tensas, B. B. Coco of Avoyelles, A. N. Davidson of Red River, Frank Lauer of Orleans, G. H. Stechmann of Orleans, J. W. Bord of Terreboune, M. R. Hite of Assumption.

Printing—F. McElroy of Orleans, chairman; R. P. O'Bryan of Vermillion, S. M. Potts of De Soto, C. C. Cordill of Tensas, R. Weightman of Orleans, Jno. M. Welch of Cameron, J. S. Davidson of Iberville, Henry Demas of St. John the Baptist, T. J. Hightower of Bienville.

Railroads—S. M. Potts of DeSoto, chairman; James Jeffries of Rapides, J. J. Carter of Webster, Martin Gordon of Orleans. N. W. Pope of West Baton Rouge, J. J. Schumpert of Caddo, Wm. Murrell of Madison.

Registration J. C. Vance of Bossier, chairman; T. J. Mixou of Tanigpahoa, J. M. Jones of Winn, T. Hasam, Jr., of Orleans, M. J. Cunningham of Natchitoches, C. A. Bourgeois of St. Charles, Royal Coleman of Terrebonne.

Militia-J. L. Brent of Ascension, chairman; Geo. W. Munday of East Feliciana, J. D. Hill of Orleans, H. D. Guidry of Lafayette, W. P. Renwick of Ouachita, O. B. Steele of Union, M. J. Hart of Orleans, F. R. Barthelmy of East Carroll, C. F. Brown of Jefferson.

Constitution M. J. Cunningham of Natchitoches, chairman; B. F. Jenkins, of De Soto, Leon Holzhalb of Orleans, W. A. Bienvenu of Orleans, J. Muse Watson of St. Helena, Henry Demas of St. John the Baptist, C. F. Brown of Jefferson.

Agriculture, Immigration and Commerce— Wm. C. Martin of Claiborne, chairman; Jos. M. Allen of Livingston, R. M. Armstrong of Sabine, G. H. Walton of Concordia, Y. Vidrine of St. Landry, W. C. Ross of Natchitoches, Jos. D. Taylor of Orleans, Kenner Scratchley of Orleans, Thos. M. Frazer of Lafourche, G. Decuir of Pointe Coupee, R. Ducote of Avoyelles.

Penitentiary—W. J. Sharp of East Baton Rouge, chairman; J. J. Carter of Webster, Frank Lauer of Orleans, N. W. Pope of West Baton Rouge, J. M. Jones of Winn, J. S. Davidson of Iberville, Wm. Murrell of Madi-

Federal Relations-James P. Gearey of Calcasieu, chairman; T.B. Coco of Avoyelles, A. M. Davidson of Red River, M. Carron of St. Landry, W. A. Bienvenu of Orleans, F. R. Barthelmy of East Carroll, J. W. Bord of Terrebonne.

Pensions — A. Cousin of St. Tammany, chairman; J. H. Hay of Claiborne, J. M. Robeson of Lincoln, Frank Lauer of Orleans, Wm. McKee of Orleans, James Nealey of Grant, Charles Dupaty of Assumption.

Rules-Speaker J. C. Moncure, of Caddo, ex officio chairman; Hiram R. Lott of West Carroll, R. D. Bridger of Caldwell, E. L. Bower of Orleans, J. M. Carville of Iberville,

Lucien Como of St. James.

Corporations-M. J. Liddell of Richland. chairman; T. B. Lyons of East Feliciana, M. J. Cunningham of Natchitoches, H. Durio of St. Landry, S. F. Parmelee of Orleans, W. E. Fitzgerald of Orleans, T. J. Hightower of Bienville, R. Ducote of Avoyelles, Wm. Murrell of Madison.

Mr. J. D. Taylor asked and obtained leave to withdraw House bill No. 3 of the extra ses-

sion of the year 1878.

The Speaker announced the following special committee on the part of the House, called for by the Concurrent Resolution introduced by Mr. Hammond, January 7, relative to State printing:

J. D. Hammond, W. C. Ross, Josiah D. Nettles, S. F. Parmelee, E. A. Landry.

Hou, Jos. M. Allen, of Livingston, presented himself at the Speaker's stand and received the constitutional oath as Representative.

On the motion of Mr. Landry the House adjourned until Monday at 12 o'clock.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Sixth Day's Proceedings.

House of Representatives,) State of Louisiana, New Orleans, Monday, January 13, 1879. The House met at 11 o'clock. Present:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker and Messrs. llen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy. Armstrong, Arnania, Bard, Armstrong, Arnania, Bard, Bridger, Billien, Bienvenu, Bord, Charles of Tensas, Allen, Brent, Bridger, Bower, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carron, Carvine, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Frazer, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyuns, Martin of St. Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Neal-ey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott Schumpert. Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Veazey, Vidriue, Walton, Watson, Weightman, Wise, Young. Torrey,

Eighty-six members and a quorum.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. A. J. Tardy of the Episcopal Church.

The journal of January 11 was corrected and approved.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The special order of the day.

House bill No. 22,

"An act to provide for a convention to frame a new constitution of the State, and making an appropriation to pay the expenses of the same,'

Was taken up on its third reading.

The bill was read a third time.

On the motion that the bill do finally pass, Mr. Demas called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas-Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Bienvenu, Billieu, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Carter, Coco, Cordilli, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Durio, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Ha-sam, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Je-fries, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lyons, Martin of Claiborne, Martin Lott of St. Landry, Martin Marquez, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Moncure, Munday, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Welsh, Wise, Young—74. Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Bord, Bourgeois,

Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Ducote, Frazer, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary, Veazey, Warmoth, Weightman—29.

The bill was passed, and on motion of Mr. Lyons, the title was adopted.

Mr. Lyons moved that the vote by which the bill finally passed be reconsidered, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was taid upon the table.

The bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Billieu offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, That the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana be and they are hereby requested to investigate whether there exists in the parish of Lafourche a disease known as leprosy, and to report without delay to this House such suggestions as they may deem proper, in the form of a bill or otherwise.

Under a suspension of the rules the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Billieu offered a resolution providing for the pay of the late Sergeant-at-Arms and his assistants.

Referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. Taylor offered the petition of Edward Maher and Bernard Delahoussaye, keepers of the halls of the House of Representatives and Senate.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of J. M. Weymouth, asking payment for services rendered in 1871 to the House Committee on Public Buildings.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Demas presented the petition of John T. Labeau, of St. Mary, contesting the seat of Hon. W. B. Smith, of that parish.

The petition was referred to the Committee

on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following resolu-

Mr. Jenkins offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the eighteenth instant be

fixed for the day of adjournment.

Under a suspension of the rules the further consideration of the resolution was, on motion of Mr. Demas, postponed until to-morrow, January 14, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Hasam asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the calendar

House bill No. 28.

"An act to repeal act No. 10, session of 1878, entitled 'An act relative to civil jurisdiction of justices of the peace in the parish of Orleans."

Introduced by himself January 10, 1879, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McKee presented the memorial of citizens of Algiers, asking separation from the city of New Orleans and the repeal of the act of annexation.

The petition was referred to the Committee on City Affairs.

Mr. Smith, of Jackson, presented the memorial of the Police Jury of the parish of Jackson, reciting the destruction by fire of the parish court-house, and asking that the privilege be granted of retaining the amount of State taxes for 1877 and 1878 for the purpose of rebuilding the same.

The memorial was referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Smart, chairman on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, presented the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Parochial Affairs beg leave to report favorably on the following bills:

House bill No. 24,

"An act to confer additional powers upon the justices of the peace of the parish of Concordia."

House bill No. 10.

"An act to provide for supplying the loss of public records, and other papers, consumed by the burning of the court-house in the parish of Jackson."

House bill No. 6.

"An act to anthorize the Police Jury of the parish of Franklin to levy a special tax in said parish sufficient to build a parish jail."

On the motion of Mr. Smart the above entitled House bill No. 6 was taken up under a suspension of the rules, and the amendment recommended by the committee was adopted, as follows:

Add the word "parish" after the word "said," in the second line of the title.

On the motion of Mr. Smart,

House bill No. 24,

"An act to confer additional powers upon the justices of the peace of the parish of Concordia,"

Was taken up under a suspension of the rules under the foregoing favorable report.

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Mr. Martin, of St. Landry, offered the fol-

lowing amendment:
"Amend so as to include the parish of St.

Landry, after the parish of Concordia."

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the bill and amendment were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Smith, of Jackson, mowed a suspension of the rules, in order that the bill, No. 10, be now taken up under the foregoing favorable report.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost.

Mr. Lyons, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, reported as follows:

NEW ORLEANS, January 13, 1878.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on the Judleiary beg to report

. Unfavorably on House bill No. 7.

'An act to amend and re-enact section No. 1693 of the Revised Statutes.'

2. Unfavorably on

House blll No. 9, entitled

An act to further regulate the trial of appeals in the Supreme Court.

3. Favorably, with amendments, on House bill No. 125, entitled

"An act in relation to appeals to the Supreme Court from the parishes of Caddo, Bossier, De Soto and Red River."

T. B. LYONS, Chairman.

The Speaker announced the following

SPECIAL COMMITTEE: Special committee on House bill No. 30,

"An act for the protection of fish, partridges and quails,"

Messrs. Potts, Schumpert, Vance, Carter and Billieu.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

The following named members gave notice that they would at some future day introduce the following entitled bills, to wit:

By Mr. Brown, of Jefferson—

"An act to locate the seat of justice of the parish of Jefferson, and repeal all laws on the same subject matter."

By Mr. Demas-

"An act to authorize and empower B. Bloomfield & Co., or their assigns, executors or heirs, to institute suit and to sue the State of Louisiana.'

By Mr. Taylor-

"An act to provide for the assessment of property in the parish of Orleans and city of New Orleans; providing for the manner of appointing and electing State Assessors in the parish of Orleans and city of New Orleans; defining their duties and powers; fixing their salaries and necessary expenses; and prohibiting the city of New Orleans from making assessments hereafter in this parish; providing for the correction of errors and exorbitant assessments; and providing a remedy for relief to the tax-payers; making an appropriation to pay the salaries and necessary expenses of the officers herein constituted, and repealing all laws or parts of laws contrary to or in conflict with the provisions of this act." '

By Mr. Taylor-

"An act to provide additional regulations

leans; to reduce the expenses thereof; to consolidate, abolish and reorganize the several departments of the city government existing under present laws; to define the duties of the Common Council, officers and Board of Aldermen herein created, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict with or contrary to the provisions of this act."

By Mr. Taylor--

"An act to provide for the speedy collection of State taxes and licenses, and city taxes and licenses, in the parish of Orleans."

By Mr. Jones-

"An act to amend and re-enact sections 1 and 5 of an act entitled 'Anact to charter the Alexandria and South Arkansas Railroad Company,' approved March 23, 1877."

By Mr. Ducote-

"An act to allow Rev. J. E. Chauvin the right to dispose of certain property belonging to Catholic institutions of the parish of Avoyelles for the benefit of the different Catholic churches of said parish."

By Mr. Lyons-

"An act to amend an act, approved May 31, 1871, entitled 'An act to amend and re-enact an act to reorganize the State Land Office."

By Mr. Renwick-

"An act, with petition accompanying same, to amend the charter of the town of Trenton. in the parish of Ouachita."

By Mr. Munday-

"An act entitled 'An act to regulate the sale of property under an order of seizure and sale, or writ of fieri facias."

Also, a bill entitled

"An act to exempt a homestead of a householder from seizure and sale on execution."

By Mr. Wise-

"An act for the current expenses for the year 1879, and for deficiencies of former

By Mr. Ryland-

"An act to create local boards of health," etc.

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to authorize and empower the Board of Health to detain and disinfect vessels from infected ports," etc..

Also.

"An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled 'An act to provide for gauging and inspecting coal oils and illuminating oils."

By Mr. Bienvenu-

"An act to repeal act No. 80, approved April 20, 1877, entitled 'An act to reorganize and render more efficient the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana; to define its powers and prescribe its duties and those of quaranfor the government of the city of New Or- time and other officers under its control; to provide for its expenses, and for the recording of births, deaths and marriages in the parish of Orleans; and to provide penalties for the enforcement of this act and for violation of the same, and for the ordinances and orders made in pursuance thereof."

By Mr. Coleman-

"An act on compulsory education."

Also, a bill, to be entitled

"An act to provide for the cleaning out of Bayous Terrebonne and Little Caillou, and making an appropriation for the same."

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named members, in accordance with previous notice given, or by consent of the House without previous notice, introduced the following entitled bills, which were severally read, placed upon the calendar of the House, and, under a suspension of the rules, passed to their second reading and referred to committees respectively, as follows:

By Mr. Taylor-

House bill No. 37,

"An act authorizing the sale by tax collectors of property forfeited to the State for delinquent taxes; providing for the redemption of such property when sold; for enregistering all sales and redemptions of such property, and for the satisfaction of writs of fl. fa. in certain cases; requiring the Auditor of Public Accounts to complete and make final titles of tax collectors after one year, and prescribing his duties in cases where tax titles are nullified by courts; fixing a period of prescription of actions to nullify tax titles; prescribing certain duties of notaries, parish recorders and judges of courts; defining the rights and privileges of certain creditors of delinquent taxpayers; making an appropriation to refund money to purchasers of property sold for delinquent taxes when tax titles are nullified by courts, and for other purposes; and repealing conflicting laws."

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Taylor-

House bill No. 38,

"An act to provide for the speedy collection of State taxes and licenses, city taxes and licenses in the parish of Orleans; to provide for jurisdiction of district courts and justices' courts of jurisdiction in tax and license cases; relative to the duties of the Attorney General, tax collectors and the State Auditor; prescribing certain duties and fees; relative to the remission of penalties and forfeitures, the receipt of evidence of debt for licenses and taxes, and the duties of the civil sheriff for the parish of Orleans in the collection of taxes."

To the Committee on City Affairs.

By Mr. Moncure-

House bill No. 39,

"An act donating certain lands to the Red River and Mississippi Railroad Company, and declaring the forfeithre of said lands by the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas Railroad Company."

To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Barthelmy-

House bill No. 40,

"An act to repeal acts Nos. 24 and 25 of the extra session of 1877, and to re-establish the parish of Carroll, with its former boundaries, representation and official organization."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. O'Bryan-

House bill No. 41,

"An act to authorize the parish of Vermillion to raise and levy a special tax, not to exceed two mills on the dollar, with which to build a parish jail."

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. O'Bryan-

House bill No. 42,

"An act to authorize the parish of Vermillion to raise a special tax to pay its floating debt."

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Hasam -

House bill No. 43,

"An act to establish and regulate the civil jurisdiction of justices of the peace for the parish of Orleans, and to repeal all acts in conflict with this act."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Torrev, of Catahoula-

House bill No. 44,

"An act to provide for the establishment of Boards of Medical Examiners in the country parishes; to define their powers, and to punish by fines or imprisonment, or both, any person who shall be found practicing medicine, or assuming the duties of a physician, without a certificate of qualification from said Board of Medical Examiners."

To the Committee on Health and Quarantine.

By Mr. Torrey-

House bill No. 45,

"An act to exempt sheep from taxation."
To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Vidrine—

House bill No. 46.

"An act to amend and re-enact sections 5, 12, 38 and 49 of act No. 96, approved April 20, 1877, entitled, 'An act regulating the mode of assessing and collecting taxes throughout the State; providing for the correction of over and under assessments; providing for the

collection of State and parish taxes, and the appointment of tax collectors, for the rendering of their bonds, and the duties of parish recorders in that respect, and the removal of parish recorders for violations of the provisions of this act; limiting the power of taxation of all parishes and municipalities throughout the State," etc.

To the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

By Mr. Rabouln-House bill No. 47,

"An act to provide for the Municipal budget or estimates of receipts and expenditures of the city of New Orleans; for the appropriation of moneys to be withdrawn; prohibiting a change in the destination of approprlated funds, making such change penal; providing for the order of paying claims appropriated by ordinances, and attaching a penalty to a violation of ordinances in the last mentioned respect."

To the Committee on City Affairs.

By Mr. Guidry-House bill No. 48,

"An act to amend and re-enact an act entitied 'An act to incorporate the town of Rovville in the parish of St. Landry, to define its boundaries, and to provide for the election of mayor and councilmen; to prescribe their duties and powers, and to provide for the government of the same."

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Gubernator-House bill No. 64,

"An act for the relief of Chas. J. Ledig, E. A. Bozomer, Jos. Demoruelle, W. A. Landry, W. A. O'Reiley, for services rendered as clerks of registration for the months of May, June,

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Lott-

House bill No. 50,

July and August, 1878."

"An act to define more definitely the duties and enlarge the powers of the commissioners appointed by act No. 24, section 14 of said act, entitled 'An act to abolish the parish of Carroll and to create and re-establish in lieu thereof the two parishes of East and West Carroll; providing for the organization of said two parishes, and fixing the representation in the House of Representatives,' passed at the extra session of the General Assembly held in 1877, and approved the twenty-sixth of March of the same year."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Bienvenu-

House bill No. 51,

of the Revised Civil Code of Louisiana, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Watson-

House bill No. 52.

"An act to amend and re-enact article 2924 of the Revised Civil Code of Louisiana."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hill-

House bill No. 53,

"An act to supply the deficiency in appropriations of 1875 and 1876 for salaries of district judges, and particularly for the salaries of the judges of the Seventh and Eighth District Courts for the parish of Orleans."

To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Davidson, of Iberville-

House bill No. 54.

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to authorize police juries to make such regulations as they may deem proper to prohibit or regulate the saie, barter or exchange of intoxicating liquors or merchandise on Sundays,' approved March 13, 1878."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Taylor-

House bill No. 55,

"An act to provide for the assessments of property in the parish of Orleans and city of New Orleans; providing for the manner of appointing and electing State assessors for the parish of Orieans and city of New Orjeans; defining their duties and powers, fixing their salaries and necessary expenses and prohibiting the city of New Orleans from making assessments hereafter in this parish; providing for the correction of erroneous assessments, and providing a remedy for relief to the taxpayers; making the appropriation to pay the salaries and necessary expenses of the State assessors and the board of assessors herein constituted; and repealing all laws or parts of laws contrary to or in confliet with the provisions of this act."

To the Committee on City Affairs.

By Mr. Potts-

House bill No. 56.

"An act for the relief of J. Lud. Williams, assessor for the parish of DeSoto, for taking the census of DeSoto parish, and providing compensation therefor."

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Bower-

House bill No. 57,

"An act to empower the City Council of New Orleans to fix the compensation and fees of all officials in the parish of Orleans, in all cases where it is made compulsory upon the "An act to amend and re-enact article 2712 | City Council to pay the same; provided, the compensation or fees of office so fixed shall not exceed that prescribed by existing laws."

To the Committee on City Affairs.

By Mr. Bower-

House bill No. 58,

"An act to make warrants issued to the Registrar of Voters receivable for taxes and licenses."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Bower-

House bill No. 59,

"An act authorizing the Registrar of Voters of the parlsh of Orleans to employ a porter in his office."

To the Committee on City Affairs.

By Mr. Hasam-

'House bill No. 60,

"An act to make a mechanics' and builders' lien, and to provide for the manner of recording and enforcing the same."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Lyons-

House bill No. 61, 4

"An act providing for the payment of the judgment rendered by the Sixth District Court, parish of Orleans, against the State of Louisiana in favor of T. C. W. Ellis, in suit No. 9931."

To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Lyons-

House bill No. 62,

"An act to amend the third section of an act approved May 31, 1871, entitled 'An act to amend and re-enact an act to reorganize the State Land Office.'"

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Lyons-

House bill No. 63,

"An act to enable the St. Charles Hotel Company to contract for a loan of money, and to give proper securities therefor."

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Smith, of Jackson-

House bill No. 64,

"An act for the relief of the parish of Jackson, in consequence of the burning of the court-house and record books of said parish."

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

On the motion of Governor Hawkins the House adjourned until half-past 11 o'clock Tuesday, January 14, 1879.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Seventh Day's Proceedings.

H. USE OF R. PRESENTATIVES, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, Tuesday, January 14, 1879. The House was called to order by the Speaker at 11:30 a.m. Present:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker; and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy,

Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bord, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cordill, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Frazer, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guldry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hav, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabonin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Warmoth, Watson, Welsh, Weightman, Wise and Young.

Ninety-five members and a quorum.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tardy.

Messrs. Cordill and Hart asked and obtained permission to record their votes in the affirmative on the convention bill.

Mr. Warmoth asked and obtained leave to record his vote in the negative on the convention bill.

COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF STATE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, January 14, 1879

To the Hon. John C. Moncure, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—In compliance with section 1432 of the Revised Statutes of the State, approved March 14, 1870, I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed documents in the matter of the contest of the election of J. Muse Watson, Representative elect from the parish of St. Helena, by Chas. E. Lea, which have been forwarded to me by the Hon. Wm. Duncan, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State.

I am, very respectfully your obedient servant,
WILL. A. STRONG,
Secretary of State.

On motion, the documents were referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifica-

tions.
PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Jeffries presented a petition from the citizens of Grant parish in relation to a change of site for the court-house of said parish.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.
Mr. Jeffries offered the following resolution
on behalf of the Committee on Ways and
Means:

Resolved, That the Committee on Ways and Means be allowed a clerk.

Ordered to lie over under the rules.

Mr. Gubernator presented a petition of Johnson Armstrong for amount claimed to be due him by the State.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Mr. Robeson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions be allowed to employ a clerk.

Mr. Robeson moved that the rules be suspended in order to take up the resolution at this time.

The motion was lost and the resolution lies over.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Smart, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, January 14, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Parochial Affairs having had the following House bills under consideration, beg leave to report—

Favorably on House bill No. 11.

"An act to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled 'An act to provide for supplying the loss of the public records and other papers consumed by the burning of the court-house in the parish of Winn, during the month of February, 1868.'"

Favorably, by substitute, on House bil No. 27, being

"An act to empower and authorize the Police Jury of the parish of West Baton Rouge to contract indebtedness for the purpose of building a court-house and jail for said parish, and to provide for the payment of same."

Favorably, by bill, on a "Memorial of Robert Carter and Pauline

Carter,"
It being

"An act to amend act No. 34, to incorporate the town of Vidalia, approved March 16, 1870." E. E. SMART, Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The following named members gave notice that they would at some future day introduce the following entitled bills, as follows:

By Mr. Liddell-

"An act changing the sessions of the Supreme Court at Monroe to the first Monday in June, and the Opelousas term to the first Monday in July."

Also,

"An act allowing the voters of Richland parish to locate the seat of justice in said parish."

By Mr. McElroy-

"An act to amend an act relative to the State Printer," etc.

By Mr. Rabouin—

"An act to amend and re-enact article 1085 of the Code of Practice."

By Mr. Welsh-

"An act to abolish one jury term of the District Court of the parish of Cameron."

By Mr. Hill-

"An act making appropriations to cover deficiencies," etc.

Also,

"An act to authorize the Superintendent of Public Education to apportion," etc.

By Mr. Bridger-

"An act for the relief of the estate of William P. Harper, deceased."

By Mr. Martin of Claiborne-

"An act relative to the writ of attachment."
By Mr. Cordill—

"An act to repeal act No. 5 of the extra session of 1878; to create a board of State engineers: to define their powers and duties; to levy a tax of one mill for levee and public improvement purposes; to divide the State into levee districts; to provide for the appointment of boards of levee commissioners therefor, and to prescribe their duties and powers; to authorize the imposition of a district levee tax, not to exceed five mills, on real estate and taxable property; to vest the control of levees and completed public works, throughout the State, in police juries, and to impose certain duties on the Governor of the State."

By Mr. Cordill-

"An act to fix and regulate the fees of justices of the peace and constables throughout the State (parish of Orleans excepted), and to provide the manner of paying same."

By Mr. Hay-

"An act for the relief of A. B. Leseur, tax assessor of the parish of Claiborne."

By Mr. Carter-

"An act t, repeal section 5 of act No. 30, approved March 28, 1877."

By Mr. Martin, of St. Landry-

"An act to limit and define the extent of the claim of the State of Louisiana and the city of New Orleans for their taxes."

By Mr. Bord-

"An act in regard to the road inspectors and working of roads in country parishes."

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named members, in accordance with previous notice given, or by consent of the House without previous notice, introduced the following entitled bills, which were severally read, placed upon the calendar of the House, and, under a suspension of the rules, passed to their second reading and referred to committees respectively, as follows:

By Mr. Munday-

House bill No. 65,

"An act to exempt a homestead of a household from seizure and sale on execution."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Munday—

House bill No. 66,

"An act to regulate the sale of property

under an order of seizure and sale or writ of fieri facias."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Ryland-

House bill No. 67,

"An act to create local boards of health throughout the State subordinate to the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana; to define their duties and powers and their relation with said State Board of Health; to provide for their support; to establish a general system of recording vital statistics throughout the State, and to provide penalties for the enforcement of this act."

To the Committee on Health and Quarantine.

By Mr. Ryland-

House bill No. 68,

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to authorize and empower the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana to detain and disinfect, and to pass after disinfection, vessels from infected ports at and from quarantine stations, in lieu of a time-quarantine detention, in certain cases, and to repeal conflicting laws,' approved March 24, 1876."

To the Committee on Health and Quaran-

tine.

By Mr. Ryland— House bill No. 69,

"An act to amend and re-enact an act, including the title thereof, entitled 'An act to provide for gauging and inspecting coal oils and illuminating oils derived wholly or in part from coal or petroleum; to regulate the sale and disposition of the same; to prohibit, in certain cases, the sale or disposition of illuminating oils or fluids dangerous to life or property, and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act."

To the Committee on Health and Quarantine.

By Mr. Jones— House bill No. 70,

"An act to amend and re-enact sections 1 and 5 of act No. 11, entitled 'An act to charter the Alexandria and South Arkansas Railroad Company; defining its objects, duties and powers, rights and exemptions; authorizing the corporation to purchase connecting railroads or to sell its own road, and authorizing the corporation to issue bonds of the corporation,'" approved March 23, 1877.

To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Demas-

House bill No. 71,

"An act to authorize and empower B. Bloomfield & Co., or their assigns, executors and heirs, to institute suit and to sue the State of Louisiana."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Arnauld-

House bill No. 72.

"An act to provide for the payment of the officers and employees of the government of the city of New Orleans, and to this end to confer a privilege in their favor, entitling them to be paid by preference out of the funds in the city treasury."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Cordill-

House bill No. 73,

"An act making an appropriation to pay the deficiency due parish judges for the years 1877 and 1878."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Taylor-

House bill No. 74,

"An act to provide additional regulations for the government of the city of New Orleans; to reduce the expenses thereof; to consolidate, abolish, and reorganize the several departments of the city government existing under present laws; to define the duties of the Common Council, officers and Board of Aldermen herein created; and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict with or contrary to the provisions of this act."

To the Committee on City Affairs.

By Mr. Parmelee-

House bill No. 75,

"An act to create a recorder's court for the Sixth and Seventh Municipal Districts of the city of New Orleans."

To the Committee on City Affairs.

By Mr. Bienvenu-

House bill No. 76,

"An act to repeal act No. 80, approved April 20, 1877, entitled 'An act to reorganize and render more efficient the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana," etc.

To the Committee on Health and Quarantine.

By Mr. Nealey-

House bill No. 77,

"An act to take the sense of the voters of the parish of Grant as to the locating of the parish seat, and the locating said parish seat at the point receiving the highest number of votes."

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons the report of the Committee on the Judiciary of January 13 was adopted.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

Senate bill No 7.

"Joint Resolution relating to the improvement of the navigation of Bayou Teche,"

Was taken up on first reading.

Under a suspension of the rules was read a

second time, and under a further suspension of the rules was adopted on third reading and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Detiege moved to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

House bill No. 6.

"An act to authorize the Police Jury of the parish of Franklin to levy a special tax in said parish sufficient to build or rebuild a parish jail,'

Was taken up on its second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, was ordered to be taken as engrossed, and was read a third time and passed. The title as amended January 13 was adopted.

House bill No. 7.

"An act to amend and re-enact section 1693 of the Revised Statutes of 1869, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Was taken up under the unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on its second reading, and on motion of Mr. Lyons the bill was postponed indefinitely.

House bill No. 10.

"An act to supply the loss of public records and other papers consumed by the burning of the court-house in the parish of Jackson,'

Was taken up under the favorable report of the Committee on Parochial Affairs on its second reading.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed, and under a suspension of the rules was read a third time and passed.

House bill No. 25.

"An act in relation to appeals to the Supreme Court of the State from the parishes of Caddo, Bossier, De Soto and Red River,"

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report, with amendments, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

The amendments recommended by the committee were adopted, as follows:

In section 1, live 2, after the word "appeals," insert the words "to the Supreme Court."

In line 5, strike out the words "and Red River."

The bill was further amended by inserting the enacting clause at the beginning of section 1.

The title was amended by striking out the words "and Red River."

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The following resolution, offered by Mr.

Jenkins, being the special order for this day at 1 o'clock p. m., was taken up:

Resolved. That the eighteenth instant be fixed for the day of adjournment.

Mr. Cordill moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Hart moved to amend by inserting the words "twenty-fifth" in lieu of the word "eighteenth."

The amendment was accepted.

The question recurring on the motion to postpone, Mr. Munday moved to lay the resolution and amendment on the table subject

On which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Lyons, with the following

result:

result:
Yeas—Messrs, Allen, Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carter, Cocc. Cordill, Davidson of Iberville, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gubernator, Hay, Hasam, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jones, Landry, Liddell, Lott, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Moncure, Munday, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Reden, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Serstchley, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jacks—Smith of St. Mary, Scott. Schumpert, Taylar, Torrey, Veazey, Walton, Warmoth, Wise, Young.—61. Schumpert, Taylar, Torrey, Veazey, Warmoth, Wise, Young.—61.

Warmoth, Wise, Young.—61.

Nays — Messrs. Armstrong, Barthelmy.
Bord, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Como, Coleman, Cunningham, Davidson
Davidson Davidson Durio, Hart. of Red River, Demas, Detiege, Durio, Hart, Hawkins, Hill, Hite, Jenkins, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Renwick, Robeson, Vance—26.

The resolution was laid upon the table subject to call.

Mr. Brown, of Jefferson, asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House, House bill No. 860, of the regular session of 1878.

Mr. Allen asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House, House bill No. 312, with all papers attached, of the regular session of 1878.

House bill No. 9.

"An act to further regulate the trial of anpeals in the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana."

Was taken up on second reading and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

BALLOT FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR.

This being the day fixed by law for the election by the General Assembly for a Senator to represent the State of Louisiana in the United States Senate, for the term commencing March 4, 1879,

On the motion of Mr. Gubernator the House proceeded to vote accordingly.

The law in relation to the election of a Senator having first been read by the Speaker. The following nominations were made;

Mr. Murrell nominated Hon. Henry Demas of the parish of St. John the Baptist.

Mr. Hart nominated Hon. W. H. Merkel of Orleans.

Mr. Bienvenu nominated Hon. O. DeBouchel of Orleans.

Mr. Taylor nominated Hon. R. R. Crane of Orleans.

Mr. Detiege nominated Hon. A. J. Dumont. Mr. Watson nominated Hon. F. H. Hatch

of Jefferson. Mr. Bower nominated Hon. Edward Pilsbury of Orleans.

Mr. Potts nominated Hon. Wm. M. Levy of Natchitoches.

Mr. Cordill nominated Hon. J. Aroni of Orleans.

Mr. Redon nominated Hon. R. C. Wood of Orleans.

Mr. Smith of St. Mary nominated Hon. Jas. Lewis of Orleans.

Mr. Warmoth nominated Hon. E. L. Bower of Orleans.

Mr. O'Brien nominated Hon. Henry L. Gar-

land of St. Landry. Mr. Hawkins nominated Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback of Orleans.

Mr. Demas nominated Hon. Wm. Murrell of Madison.

The roll being called, the following named members voted for the Hon. Wm. M. Levy:

Speaker Moncure, and Messus, Armstrong, Cunuingham, Davidson of Red River, Hay, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Martin of Claiborne, Nealey, Potts, Robeson, Ross, Wise—14.

The following members voted for the Hon. Ed. Pilsbury:

Messrs. Bower, Dupaty-2.

The following member voted for the Hon. F. H. Hatch:

Mr. J. Muse Watson—1. The following members voted for the Hon. Dumont

Messis. Bourgeois, Detiege-2.

The following members voted for the Hon. R. Crane:

Messrs. Arnould, Reaney, Taylor Young—4. The following members voted for the Hon. O. DeBouchel:

Messrs. Bienvenu, Rabouin-2.

The following members voted for the Hon. H. Merkel:

Messrs, Fitzgerald, Hart, Hasam, Holzhalb, McElroy, McKee, Nettles, Scratchley, Steele, Stechmann-10.

The following members voted for the Hon. Henry Domas:

Mesers. Barthelmy, Bord, Brown of Jefferson, Coleman, Ducote, Landry, Murrell, Warmoth, Como-9.

The following member voted for Wm Murrell:

Mr. Hite-1.

The following members voted for P. B. S. Pinchback:

Messrs. Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Hawkins-3.

The following members voted for the Hon. Henry L. Garland:

Messrs. Carter, Coco, Durio, Gearey, Guidry, Lyons, Munday, O'Bryan, Pope, Sharp, Smith of Jackson, Torrey, Vidrine—13.

The following member voted for Hon. E. L. Bower:

Mr. Hightower-1.

The following members voted for Mr. Jas. Lewis:

Messrs. Smith of St. Mary, Veazey-2.

The following members voted for Mr. Robt. C. Wood.

Messrs, Allen, Gubernator, Lauer, Martin of St. Landry, Parmelee, Redon, Schumpert—7.

The following members voted for Hon. J. Aroni:

Messrs. Billieu, Brown of Tensas, Cordill, Lott, Scott, Vance, Walton-7.

The following member voted for the Hon. W. B. Spencer:

Mr. Bridger-1.

The following named member voted for the Hon. J. B. Eustis:

Mr. Marquez-1.

The following members voted for the Hon. John McEnery:

Messrs. Ryland, Renwick, Liddell-3. The following members voted blank:

Messrs. Carville, Smart-2

Total vote 87, necessary to a choice 44. The Speaker announced that no election had been made.

On the motion of Mr. Cunningham, the House adjourned until 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 15, 1879.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Eighth Bay's Proceedings.

House of Representatives, State of Louisiana New Orleans, Wednesday, January 15, 1879.

The House was called to order by the Speaker at 11:30 a.m. Present:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bord, Bower, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bord, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Coco, Coleman, Cordill, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Duric, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hill, Hits, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey of St. Landry, Martin of Clafborne, Marquez, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh, Weightman, Wise, Young. Eighty-two members and a quorum.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tardy, of the Episcopal Church.

The journal of the fourteenth was amended and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

New Orleans, January 16, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that on yesterday, Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January, being the day fixed by law, the Senate proceeded to ballot for United States Senator for the term commencing Murch 14, 1879, in accordance with an act of Congress, approved July 25, 1866, with the following result:

Mr. Geo. B. Williams received 1 vote. Mr. Robert Richardson received 2 votes.

Mr. Robert Richardson received 2 votes. Mr. DeBlane received 1 vote.

Mr. Henry L. Garland received 9 votes. Mr. Louis Texada 6 votes.

Mr. Louis Texada 6 votes. Mr. Stubbs 7 votes.

Mr. A. S. Badger 8 votes.
Mr. A. H. Leonard 1 vote,
Also to Inform you that the Senate will be
ready at 12 o'clock m. this day to meet the
House of Representatives in joint assembly,
to compare journals of yesterday's proceedings, and to ballot for a United States Senator, in accordance with the requirements of
act of Congress.

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Hart presented the

"Petition of the New Orleans Mechanical Association."

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary Mr. Jeffries offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That no committee of this House shall be allowed to employ a clerk, and that all orders allowing clerks to committees are hereby rescinded."

On the motion of Mr. Jeffries, the rules were suspended, and the resolution was taken up.

Pending the consideration of this resolution the Senate, by invitation of the House, entered, and the Senate and House held a joint session.

JOINT SESSION.

A message having been previously received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, in order that the journals of both houses of the General Assembly might be compared with relation to the votes cast by each house for a Senator to represent the State of Louisiana in the Senate of the United States, for the term commencing March 4, 1879.

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon L.A. Wiltz, Lieutemint Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messra, Breaux, Bennera, Bowden, Bryant, Cage, Cahen, DeBouchel, Delahoussaye, Ducros, Ellis, Fontenot, Gariand, Gla, Harding, Harper, Herron, Kelly, Renner, Landry, Merkel, Norwood, Perkins, Sandiford, Scanland, Stamps, Steven, Stubbs, Sutton, Texada, Wailes, Wells, Wheeler, Williams, Zacharie.

Thirty-four Senators present.

The roll of the House being called the following named members answered to their names:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen. Armstrong. Arnauld. Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Blenvenu, Bord, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson. Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cousin, Cunaingham, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Dumas, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guldry, Gerdon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Seatt, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Warmoth, Watson, Welsh, Weightman, Wise and Young.

Eighty-eight members present.

The object of the joint session was announced by the President of the Senate, who ordered the journal of the Senate of Tuesday, January 14, to be read.

The journal of the House for that day was likewise read, when it appeared that the Senate and House had not agreed in their choice of Senator.

The General Assembly then proceeded to ballot for a Senator to represent the State of Louisiana in the Senate of the United States for the term commencing March 4, 1879.

The following nominations were made:

Hon. Louis Texada of Rapides.
Hon. L. M. Nutt of Caddo.
Hon. W. H. Jack of Natchitoches.
Hon. F. C. Zucharle of Orleans.
Hon. Ed. Pilsbury of Orleans.
Hon. Will Steven of Orleans.
Hon. R. L. Gibson of Orleans.
Hon. P. J. Kennedy of Orleans.
Hon. A. B. George of Webster.
Hon. H. L. Garland of St. Lander.

Hon. H. L. Garland of St. Landry. Hon. J. O. Landry of Orleans.

The roll of the Senate being called,

Senator Steven voted for the Hon. Lewis Texada—1 vote.

Senators Bryant, Cage, Cahen, Delahoussaye, Harper, Landry, Stumps and Sutton voted for the Hon. A. H. Leonard—8 votes.

Senators Scanland and Zacharle voted for the Hon. L. M. Nutt--2 votes.

Senators Sandiford, Texada and Williams voted for the Hon. W. H. Jack—3 votes.

Senators Ellis, Perkins, Wailes and Wheeler voted for the Hon. A. B. George—4 votes.

Senators Breaux, Herron, Norwood and Wells voted for the Hon. Henry L. Garland— 4 votes.

Senators Fontenot, Garland, Kelly and Kenner voted for the Hon. F. C. Zacharie—4 votes.

Senators Benners, DeBouchel and Ducros voted for the Hon. Will Steven—3 votes.

Senator Bowden voted for the Hon. T. B. Lyons—1 vote.

Senators Harding and Merkel voted for the Hon. J. O. Landry—2 votes.

Senator Glas voted for the Hon. Pierre

Landry-1 vote.

Senator Stubbs voted for the Hon. T. C.
Manning-1 vote.

Thirty-four votes.

The roll of the House being called,

Speaker Moncure, and Messrs. Arnauld, Bridger, Carter, Hammond, Hightower, Mc-Elroy, Rabouin, Schumpert and Vance voted for Hon. L. M. Nutt—10 votes.

Messrs. Hasam, Lauer, Parmelee, Pope, Reaney, Redon, Scratchley and Taylor voted for Hon. J. O. Landry—8 votes.

Messrs. Coco, Jeffries, Jones, Nealey, Smart and Wise voted for Hon. L. Texada—6 votes.

Messrs. Barthelmy, Bord, Brown of Jefferson, Carville. Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Ducote, Frazer, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary, Veazey and Warmoth voted for Hon. A. H. Leonard—18 votes.

Messrs. Sharp, Billieu, Hart, Hay, Nettles and Steele voted for Hon. R. L. Gibson—5 votes.

Messrs. Armstrong, Brown of Tensas, Cordill, Lott, Smith of Jackson, Scott and Weightman voted for Hon. P. J. Kennedy—7 votes.

Messrs. Cunningham, Ross and Watson voted for Hon. W. H. Jack—3 votes.

Messrs. Bower, Dupaty and McKee voted for Hon. Ed. Pilsbury—3 votes.

Messrs. Davidson of Red River, Jenkins, Potts and Robeson voted for Hon. A. B. George—4 votes.

Messrs. Allen, Carron, Durlo, Gearey, Guidry, Munday, O'Bryan, Vidrine and Welsh yoted for Hon. H. L. Garland—9 votes. Messrs, Martin of St. Landry and Mixon voted for Hon. F. C. Zacharie—2 votes,

Mr. E. Fitzgerald voted for Hon. W. Steven

Messrs. Bienvenu, Bourgeois and Renwick voted for Hon. T. B. Lyons—3 votes.

Mr. M. J. Liddell voted for Hon, T. C. Manning-1 vote,

Messrs. Brent, Gordon, Gubernator and Marquez voted for Hon. C. Mouton—4 votes. Mr. Ryland voted for Hon. J. L. Brent—1

Mr. N. B. Torrey voted for Hon, W. B. Spencer-1 vote.

Mr. T. B. Lyons voted for Hon, L. H. Bowden1 vote.

Mr. E. Detiege voted for Hon. A. Dumont-1 vote.

Eighty-seven votes.

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Steven 4	Landry 10
Gibson 5	Kennedy
George 3	Garland13
Lyons 4	Manning 2
Mouton 3	Brent 1
Spencer 1	Bowden 1
Dumont 1	Pierre Landry 1
Total vote of the Joint Assembly, 121; nec-	

essary to a choice, 61.

The President of the Senate announced that

there was no election.

On the motion of Mr. Garland the Senate

withdrew.

After Joint - ession.

After joint session the roll was called, and the following named members answered to roll call:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Armstrong, Arnould, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bord, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cordul, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Frazer, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gorden, Gubernator, Hammond, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Smith of St. Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Warmoth, Watson, Weightman, and Wise.

Eighty-five members and a quorum.

The consideration of the resolution offered by Mr. Jeffries was resumed.

Mr. Cunningham offered the following amendment:

Add at the end the words, "and that the Committee on Enrollment be requested to temporarily supply clerks to the various committees, as they may need them from time to time for special work."

Mr. Hammond offered as an amendment to the amendment of Mr. Cunningham:

Add the words, "except the following committees: Contingent Expenses, Judiclary, Ways and Means, Elections and Qualifleations, Lands and Levees, which committees shall have the right to employ clerks, and that these clerks shall be paid only for the time they are actually at work."

The amendment to the amendment of Mr. Cunningham was adopted.

The amendment of Mr. Cunningham, as amended, was adopted.

The resolution as amended was adopted, as follows:

Resolved. That no committee of this House shall be allowed to employ a clerk, and that all orders allowing clerks to committees are hereby re-cinded, and that the Committee on Enrollment be requested to temporarily supply clerks to the various committees, as they may need them from time to time, for special work, except the following committees: On Contingent Expenses, on the Judiciary, on Ways and Means, on Elections and Qualifications, on Land and Levees-which latter five committees shall have the right to employ each a clerk, to be paid only for the time they are actually at work.

On the motion of Mr. Hammond leave of absence for one hour was granted to the committee on examining the accounts of State Printer.

On the motion of Mr. Hill leave of absence was granted Mr. Estopinal indefinitely, on account of sickness.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, (New Orleans, January 15, 1879.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed the following Senate bills, and ask your concurrence in the same:

Senate bill No. 8, entitled
"An act to provide for the supplying the loss of public records and other papers consumed by the burning of the court-house in the papirs of Grant" the parish of Grant."

Senate bill No. 27, entitled "Joint Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to secure the passage by Congress of a bill to appropriate sufficient money to dredge and remove obstructions to naviga-tion in the Bayou Lafourche and Bayou Terrebonne in the State of Louisiana."

Senate bill No. 34, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact an act ap-

proved February 16, 1878, entitled 'An act to amend and re-enact section 2667 of the Re-vised Statutes of 1870,' and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act.

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate.

Memorial in relation to cleaning out the Bayous Dorcheat and Corni was taken up and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Immigration and Commerce.

Mr. Gubernator presented the petition of Mr. E. Wood Perry, commissioner to the Paris Exposition, asking to have his necessary expenses therewith paid by the State.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Gubernator asked and obtained leave to withdraw House Bill No. 49 from the Committee on Ways and Means, and on his motion the bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of W. J. Grady and others asking relief.

Which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

The following named members gave notice that they would at some future day introduce the following entitled bills:

By Mr. Bower-

"An act to reduce the expenses of appeals, to exclude unnecessary documents from the transcript, and to take up to the Supreme Court the original testimony."

By Mr. Schumpert-

"An act for the relief of George W. Norwood of the parish of Caddo."

By Mr. Potts-

"An act to repeal section 5 of act No. 30 of extra session 1877."

By Mr. Landry-

"An act incorporating the town of Berwick, in the parish of St. Mary, and to provide for the government of the same," etc.

By Mr. Billieu-

"An act to appropriate a sum of money suffleient to pay the newspapers throughout the State for publishing the constitutional amendments, according to law."

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, 1 New Orleans, January 15, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body, that the Senate has passed the accompanying

Concurrent Resolution, entitled

"Concurrent Resolution creating a committee to report on the report of the Secretary of State transmitted by the Governor, in regard to the late vote on the constitutional amendments,

And request your concurrence in the same. Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, State of Louislana, New Orleans, January 15, 1879.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Refre sentatives, in General Assembly convened:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the annual report of Hon. Robt. M. Lusher, State Superintendent of Public Education, which is accompanied with the report of the Chief Superintendent of the Public Schools of New Orleans; and also to advise you that I have received, in manuscript, and hold in my office, subject to the order of your honorable body or committees, the annual report of the following mentioned State officers, to wit:

Of the Board of Administrators of the In-

sane Asylum;

Of the Board of Trustees and officers of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb;

Of the Board of Control of the Peniten-

of the Board of State Engineers;

Of the Adjutant General:

Of the Register of the Land Office.

Also, a report from the president and directors of the Consolidated Association of Planters of Louisiana.

I propose, at some other time, communicating with you in further reference to the subject matter of these reports.

FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS,

Governor of Louisiana. BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named members, in accordance with previous notice given, or by consent of the House without previous notice, introduced the following entitled bills, which were severally read, placed upon the calendar of the House, and under a suspension of the rules passed to their second reading and referred to committees respectively, as follows:

By Mr. Welsh-

House bill No. 79,

"An act to prohibit the drawing of a jury for the spring or April term of the district court in and for the parish of Cameron."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hawkins-

House bill No. 80, "An act to repeal act No. 5 of the extra session of the General Assembly of 1878, and to re-enact act No. 140 of the extra session of

1877."

To the Committee on Lands and Levees.

By Mr. Jeffries-

House bill No. 81,

"An act to provide for pro rata payments of the interest tax fund to the holders of all January coupons of consolidated bonds, in cases where said interest tax fund is insufficient to pay said coupons in full."

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Bridger...

House bill No. 83,

"An act for the relief of the estate of Wm. P. Harper, deceased, late Civil Sheriff for the parish of Orleans."

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Potts-

House bill No. 84,

"An act to repeal section 5 of act No. 30. extra session of 1877, approved March 28.

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Cunningham-

House bill No. 85,

"An act providing that priority of registry shall give preference of privilege as between furnishers of supplies."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hill-

House bill No. 86,

"An act making appropriation to cover deficiences in the salaries of parish judges for the years 1877 and 1878."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hill-

House bill No. 87,

"An act authorizing the State Superintendent of Public Education to apportion and the Auditor of Public Accounts to pay for the relief of the Board of the Public School Directors for the city of New Orleans certain school revenues derived from taxpayers of said city for the years 1877 and 1878, and appropriating \$120,000 of said city's contribution to the current school fund to render this act effectual."

To the Committee on City Affairs.

By Mr. Hill-

House bill No. 88,

"An act to provide for the payment of services rendered the Board of Assessors for the State of Louisiana and city of New Orleans."

To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Hill-

House bill No. 89.

"An act to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars for the support and maintenance of the Charity Hospital at New Orleans, and directing the manner of drawing the same."

To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Hill-

House bill No. 90,

"An act to authorize James Graham to sue the State.'

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Lyons-

House bill No. 91,

"An act to repeal the fourth clause of section 2 of act No. 58 of the regular session of

the Legislature of 1877, entitled 'An act to enforce effectually the constitutional amendments."

To the Committee on Ways and Meaus.

By Mr. Lyons-

House bill No. 92,

"An act to incorporate the Board of Trade for the city of New Orleans."

To the Committee on Agriculture, Immigration and Commerce.

By Mr. Rabouin-

House bill No. 93,

"An act to authorize the purchase of 300 copies of Louque's Digestof Decisions of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, and making an appropriation to pay for the same."

To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Rabouin-

House bill No. 94,

"An act to amend and re-enact article 1085 of the Code of Practice."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hay-

House bill No. 95,

"An act for the relief of A. B. Lesueur, assessor of the parish of Claiborne, for taking the census of said parish, and providing compensation therefor."

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Cordill-

House bill No. 96.

"An act to repeal act No. 5 of the extra session of 1878; to create a Board of State Engineers; to define their power and duties; to levy a tax of one mill for levee and public improvement purposes; to divide the State into levee districts; to provide for the appointment of boards of levee commissioners therefor, and to prescribe their duties and powers; to authorize the imposition of a district levee tax, not to exceed five mills on real estate and taxable property; to vest the control of levees and completed public works throughout the State in police juries, and to impose certain duties on the Governor of the State."

To the Committee on Lands and Levees.

By Mr. Cordill

House bill No. 97,

"An act to fix and regulate the fees of justices of the peace and constables throughout the State of Louisiana, the parish of Orleans excepted, and to provide the manner of paying the same."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Liddell-

House bill No. 98,

"An act changing the time for holding the sessions of the Supreme Court at Opelousas and Monroe to the first Monday in July and under a further suspension of the rules was

June, and fixing the return day for appeals from the parishes of Ouachita, Morehouse, Catahoula, Caldwell, Franklin, Richland, Jackson, Union, Winn, Webster, Lincoln, Claiborne, Bienville, St. Landry, Calcasieu, Cameron, Vermillion, Lafayette, Iberia, St. Mary and St. Martin, and repealing laws in conflict therewith."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Coleman-

House bill No. 99,

"An act to compel the parents, guardians and the protectors of children in this State to register their names in the school register of the school district in which they live; making a penalty for the neglect of the same; providing for the arrest and confinement, or otherwise punishment, of children idling their time during school hours."

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Cordill-

House bill No. 100.

"Joint Resolution to adjust the indemnity due to the State of Louisiana, accruing from the sale of swamp lands by the general government local officers since the acts of 1849 and 1850; to obtain from the United States the final adjustment of the Houma conflicting claims, the settlement of all controversies in regard to the shallow lakes, and those of unsettled or unimproved sections of swamp lands; to appoint the State Register ex officio agent for the State in these matters, and provide for the expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of the same."

To the Committee on Lands and Levees.

By Mr. Bower-

House bill No. 101,

"An act to reduce the expense of appeals; to exclude unnecessary documents from the transcript, and to take up to the Supreme Court the original testimony,"

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND PASSED.

Mr. O'Bryan, in accordance with previous notice given, introduced the following entitled bill, which was read and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 82,

Joint Resolution

"Asking for an appropriation by Congress for the purpose of removing obstructions at the mouth of the Vermillion river and improving the navigation of said river from its mouth to the railroad crossing, in the parish of Lafavette, La."

The resolution, under a suspension of the rules, was passed to its second reading, and considered engrossed, was read a third time and passed. Its title was adopted.

SENATE BILL PASSED.

Senate bill No. 12,

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to increase the salaries of the sheriff and clerk of the parish of St. Landry."

Under a suspension of the constitutional rules the bill underwent its several readings and was passed. The title was approved.

Mr. Vidrine moved that the vote by which the bill was passed be reconsidered, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL PASSED.

On the motion of Mr. Jones.

House bill No. 11,

"An act to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled 'An act to provide for supplying the loss of the public records and other papers consumed by the burning of the courthouse in the parish of Winn, during the month of February, 1868."

Was taken up on second reading, under the favorable report of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, and was ordered to be considered as engrossed.

Under a suspension of the rules, it was read a third time and was passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Jones moved to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

Mr. Ryland offered the following resolu-

tion: Resolved, That section 23, rule 35, be

amended so as to read as follows: "The Committee on Agriculture and Immi-

gration to consist of seven members."

Resolved further, That rule 35 be further amended by the addition of section 31, to read as follows:

'SEC. 31. The Committee on Commerce and

Navigation to consist of seven members."
Under a suspension of the rules the resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Mr. Wise, of Rapides, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, asked to be relieved from duty on that committee, for the reason that the state of his health was such that he was physically unable to perform the duties thereof, together with the arduous labors of several other committees of which he was a member.

His request was granted, and Mr. Pope, of West Baton Rouge, was appointed chairman of the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Murrell, the House adjourned until 11:30 a.m. to-morrow.

> C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Ninth Day's Proceedings.

House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, Thursday, January 16, 1879.

The House was called to order at 11:30 o'clock a. m., by the Speaker. Present:

Hon. John C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Bar-tholmy, Brent, Bridger, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Bar-Bower, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Brien, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh, Weightman, Wise and Young. Eighty members and a quorum.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tardy, of the Epis-

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The journal of the fifteenth was adopted as amended.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 16, 1879,

To the Hono able Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in House bill No. 22, "An act to provide for a convention to frame

a new constitution for the State, and making an appropriation to pay the expenses of the same

Respectfully, Secretary of the Senate. PETITIONS. MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

On the motion of Mr. Ryland, and under a suspension of the rules, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That the Sergeant-at- Λ rms be instructed to prevent the passage of vehicles along St. Louis street, in front of the State-House, during the daily sessions of the House.

Mr. Rabouin asked and obtained leave to withdraw certain papers filed with bill No. 203 of the regular session of 1878.

Mr. Lyons moved that the Concurrent Resolution offered by Mr. Martin, of Claiborne, January 10, "in regard to donation of United States land for educational purposes," be taken up.

Under a suspension of the rules the Concurrent Resolution was adopted, as follows:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That the United States Senators from this State are requested, and the members of Congress are requested, to use their best endeavors to obtain from Congress a further donation of the public lands of the United States in Louisiana to

said State for educational purposes.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 16, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

house of Representatives: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Lieutenant Governor and Pres-

ident of the Senate has signed duly enrolled Senate bill No. 7, entitled "Joins Resolution relative to the improvement of the navigation of Bayou Teche,

And request the signature of the Speaker of the House to same.

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG. Secretary of the Senate.

JOINT SESSION.

A message having been previously received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, in order that the journals of both houses of the General Assembly might be compared with relation to the votes cast by each house for a Senator to represent the State of Louisiana in the Senate of the United States, for the term commencing March 4, 1879,

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Breaux, Benners, Bowden, Bryant, Cage, Cahen, DeBouchel, Delahoussaye, Ellis, Fontenot, Garland, Gla, Harding, Harper, Herron, Kelly, Kenner, Landry, Norwood, Perkins, Sandiford, Scanland, Stamps, Ste-ven, Stubbs, Sutton, Texada, Wailes, Wells, Williams, Zacharie-31.

The roll of the House was called, when the following members answered to their names:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messis. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cunningham, Davidson of Iberville, Detiege, Cunningham, Davidson of Iberville, Detiege, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Frazer, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Brien, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Warmoth, Welsh, Weightman, Wise, Young.

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The object of the joint session was announced by the President of the Senate, and the General Assembly proceeded to ballot for a Senator to represent the State of Louisiana in the Senate of the United States for the term commencing March 4, 1879.

The following nominations were made:

Hon. J. Floyd King, of Concordia. Hon. Jules T. Pecot, of Orleans.

Hon. J. Massie Martin, of St. Landry.

Hon, E. Bermudez, of Orleans.

Hon. E. John Ellis, of Orleans.

Hon. I. W. Patton, of Orleans.

Hon. W. B. Spencer, of Orleans. Hon. R. H. Marr, of Orleans.

Hon. Taylor Beattie, of Lafourche.

The roll of the Senate was called, and

Senators Bowden, Texada, Williams and Zacharie voted for Hon. J. Floyd King-4 votes.

Senator Garland voted for M. J. T. Pecot-1 vote.

Senators Fontenot, Herron and Kenner voted for the Hon J. M. Martin-3 votes.

Senators DeBouchel, Ducros, Stamps, Steven and Wailes voted for the Hon, Ed. Bermudez-5 votes.

Senators Breaux, Harding and Sandiford voted for the Hon. E. John Ellis-3 votes.

Senators Bryant, Kelly and Norwood voted

for the Hon. W. B. Spencer-3 votes. Senators Benners, Wells and Wheeler voted for the Hon. R. H. Marr-3 votes.

Senators Cahen, Delahoussaye, Harper and Sutton voted for the Hon. Taylor Beattie-4 votes.

Senators Ellis, Perkins, Scanland and Stubbs voted for the Hon. A. B. George-4

Senator Gla voted for the Hon. Pierre Landry—1 vote.

The roll of the House was called when

Messsrs. Bridger, Brown of Tensas, Cunningham, Jones, Liddell, Lott, Nealey, Renwick. Robeson, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Vance, Walton and Wise voted for the Hon. J. Floyd King-14 votes.

Messrs. Guidry, Gordon, Haşam, Hightower, Holzhalb, Martin of Claiborne, McKee, O'Bryan, Scratchley and Welsh voted for the Hou. J. T. Pecot-10 votes.

Speaker Moncure and Messrs. Brent, Carron, Durio, Jeffries, Lauer, Parmelee, Redon, Vidrine and Watson voted for the Hon. J. Massie Martin-10 votes.

Messrs. Arnauld, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Demas, Ducote, Fitzgerald, Marquez, Rabouin, Reaney, Stechmann and Veazey voted for Hon. E. Bermudez-13 votes.

Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Lyons, Mixon and Munday voted for Hon. E. J. Ellis-5 votes.

Messrs. Hart, McElroy and Taylor voted for Hon. I. W. Patton—3 votes.

Messrs. Coco, Hay, Nettles, Sharp and Young voted for Hon. W. B. Spencer—5 votes.

Messrs. Bower, Estopinal, Gearey, Gubernator, Martin of St. Landry and Weightman voted for Hon. R. H. Marr-6 votes.

Messrs. Barthelmy, Bord, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Frazier, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary, and Warmoth voted for Hon. T. Beatty-11 votes.

Messrs. Bienvenu, Carter, Jenkins, Potts and Ross voted for Hon. A. B. George—5 votes.

Messrs. Dupaty, Billieu and Smart voted for Hon. R. L. Gibson-3 votes.

Messrs. Detiege and Decuir voted for A. J. Dumont-2 votes.

Messrs. Steele and Schumpert voted for Hon. J. C. Moncure-2 votes.

Messrs. Ryland and Torrey voted for Hon. J. L. Brent-2 votes.

Mr. Pope voted blank.

RECARITITATION

RECAPITULATION.		
King18	Pecot11	
Martin	Bermudez18	
Ellis 8	Patton 3	
Spencer 8	Marr 9	
Beattie15	George 9	
Landry 1	Gibson 3	
Dumont 2	Moncure 2	
Brent 2	Blank 1	
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Total vote, 124; necessary to a choice, 63 votes.

The President of the Senate announced that there had been no election, and on motion of Senator Steven the Senate withdrew.

AFTER JOINT SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Weightman the call of the roll was dispensed with.

Mr. Demas moved that the printed copies of the Governor's message be distributed equally among the members of the House.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Martin of Claiborne, for Mr. Hammond, chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses, reported on

House bill No. 4,

"An act to provide for the payment of the members, officers and contingent expenses of the General Assembly for the year 1879,"

Favorably by substitute.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the report was received and adopted, and the substitute bill, as reported by the Committee, was placed upon the calendar of the House,

Becoming House bill No. 102,

"An act making appropriation for the payment of the salaries of the first quarter of the year 1879," etc.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the bill was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyons, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

Your Committee on the Judiciary beg leave to report on the following bills referred to it, as follows:

Unfavorably on House bill No. 16, entitled 'An act in relation to judicial securities,' etc

Unfavorably on

House bill No. 26, entitled

"An act to authorize Jas. Katz to change his name.

Favorably, by majority, by substitute, on House bill No. 20, entitled

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to increase the revenues of the State."

The report was received and adopted. On the motion of Mr. Lyons the rules were

suspended in order to take up the substitute for House bill No. 20, which was read and placed upon the calendar of the House, becoming.

House bill No. 103,

"An act to repeal act No. 25 of the Legislature of 1868, entitled 'An act to increase the revenues of the State and to authorize the incorporation and establishment of the Louisiana State Lottery Company,' and to repeal certain acts now in force; also, to abolish the Louisiana State Lottery Company; also, to repeal act No. 9 of the Legislature of 1874, etc.

The bill was passed to its second reading.

Mr. Demas moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed and that the bill be printed.

By a rising vote of 29 yeas to 41 nays, the motion to postpone and print was lost.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the bill was ordered to be printed in the journal and was made the special order of the day for January 17, at 1 o'clock p. m.

By Mr. Lyons, chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary-

House bill No. 103,

An act to repeal act No. 25 of the Legislature of 1868, entitled "An act to increase the revenues of the State and to authorize the incorporation and establishment of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, and to repeal certain acts now in force; also to abolish the Louisiana State Lottery Company; also to repeal act No. 9 of the Legislature of 1874, entitled "An act relative to the unlicensed sale of lottery tickets in the city of New Orleans, and conferring on police courts the power to suppress

the same;" also to repeal act No. 10 of the Legislature of 1874, entitled "An act relative to crimes and offenses; to declare the sale of illegal lottery tickets, or the drawing of any illegal lottery a misdemeanor, and to provide for the punishment of the same, and to regulate the evidence to be received upon the trial of such offenses;" also, to prohibit lotteries and the sale of lottery tickets; to make it a misdemeanor to set up or promote lotteries or to sell lottery tickets, or aid therein, directly or indirectly; to provide punishment there-for, and to regulate the evidence to be received upon the trial of such offenses.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That the following acts, to wit: "An act entitled 'An act to increase the revenues of the and to authorize the incorporation and establishment of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, and to repeal certain acts now in force," being act No. 25 passed at the first session of the first Legislature, begun and held on the twenty-ninth day of June, 1868; also an act entitled "An act relative to the unlicensed sale of lottery tickets in the city of New Orleans, and conferring on the police courts the power to supferring on the police courts the power to suppress the same," being act No. 9 of the second session of the third Legislature, begun and held on the fifth day of January, 1874, and an act entitled "An act relative to crimes and offenses; to declare the sale of illegal lottery tickets, or the drawing of any illegal lottery a misdemeanor, and to provide for the punishment of the same, and to regulate the evidence to be received upon the trial of such offenses," and any and all other laws upon the same subject matter passed in the interest of the Louisiana State Lottery Company

be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the
Louisiana State Lottery Company be and the same is hereby abolished and prohibited from drawing any and all lotteries, or selling lot-tery tickets, either in its corporate capacity or through its officers, directors, stockholders, members or agents, directly or indirectly.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That whoever shall sell, barter, exchange, give or otherwise dispose of, or offer to sell, barter, exchange, give or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, personally or through an agent or agents, either for himself or others, or shall draw any lottery, or have any connection with or interest in the drawing of any lotteny in this State or shall be and or shall draw in this State or shall be any lotteny in this state. ing of any lottery in this State, or shall have in his possession within this State, with intent to sell or offer for sale, or with intent dispose of, any lottery tickets or shares, or fractional part thereof, or lottery policy or combination, device, or any other writing, certificate or token intended or pur-porting to entitle the holder or bearer, or any other person, to any prize or share or interest in any prize drawn or to be drawn in any lottery, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be condemned for each offense to and shall suffer imprisonment in the parish prison or jail, as the case may be, not exceeding sixty days, or fined not exceeding one hundred dollars, or both, at the discretion of the court, one-half of such fine to go to the informer,

and the other half to the city of New Orleans or the parish in which said offense is com-

mitted, as the case may be.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That every person who shall set up or promote any lottery in this State, or shall assist or be interested therein, or shall aid by printing or writing, or shall in any way be concerned in setting up, promoting, managing or drawing of any lottery, or shall in any house, shop or building owned or occupied by him, or under his control, knowingly permit the setting up, managing or drawing any such lottery, or the sale of any lottery tickets, or share a ticket, or any writing, other certificate, bill, token, or other device, purporting or intended to entitle the holder, bearer, or any other person, to any prize, or share of or interest in any prize to be drawn in a lottery, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall suffer imprisonment not to exceed sixty days, or a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or both, at the discretion of the court, for each offense, one-half of such fine to go to the informer and the other half to the parish or the city of New Orleans, as the case may be, in which such offense is committed.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall not be necessary in the trial of any person or persons for the offense or offenses denounced by this act, to prove the existence of any lottery in which any ticket, share or part of a ticket, device, token, or certificate there-of purports to have been issued, or the actual signing of any such ticket or share or device, token or certificate thereof, nor that any such ticket or share, or device, token or certificate thereof, was signed or issued by authority of any manager of such lottery, or by any person assuming to have such authority; but in all cases it shall be presumed that such ticket. share or interest, device, token or certificate thereof, was signed and issued, according to

the purport thereof, by proper authority.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its pas-

On motion of Mr. Young,

House bill No. 26

Was taken up on second reading under the unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary, this day presented, and on motion of Mr. Lyons, the further consideration of the bill was postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Billieu, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, January 15, 1879.

To the House of the House of Representatives: Your Committee on Elections and Quali-

fications beg leave to report—
That they have considered the contest of
Hon. E. F. X. Dugas vs. Moses R. Hite. The committee, after carefully considering the papers submitted to them, find that the same establishes the title of Moses R. Hite to a seat in this House as a Representative of the parish of Assumption. Your committee therefore respectfully submit the accompanying resolution

That Moses R. Hite be and is Resolved, hereby declared legally entitled to a seat in the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana as a Representative of the parish of Assumption.

On the motion of Mr. Billieu the report was On his further motion the rules were suspended and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Liddell, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, reported as follows:

the Honorab'e Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: To the

Your Committee on Corporations beg leave to return to the House a memorial of the citizens of Grant parish relative to location of the parish seat, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs. M. J. LIDDELL,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Liddell, the report was adopted, and the memorial was referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

Mr. Smart, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, made the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Repr sentatives:

Your Committee on Parochial Affairs have had under consideration

House bill No. 29, "An act to authorize the Police Jury of "An act to authorize the Police Jury of Iberia parish to levy and collect a special tax of three mills for a term of years to build a court-house and jail; to pledge the same for that purpose; providing for the collection and disbursement thereof," etc.,

Beg leave to report favorably, with the following amendments: In line 10, after the word "years," of section 1, add the words "or so much thereof as may be necessary." In section 3 strike out all after the word "made."

section 3 strike out all after the word "made," in line 18, and add, "the tax collector and treasurer, for collecting and paying out such special tax, shall only receive such percentage as may be allowed them by the Police Jury. E. E. SMART, Chairman.

The report of the committee was received and adopted.

Mr. Bower, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, January 15, 1879.

To the Honorabl. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your committee, to whom was referred

House bill No. 46, entitled "An act to amend and re-enact sections 5, 12. 38 and 49 of 'act No. 96, approved April 20. 1877, entitled 'An act regulating the mode of assessing and collecting taxes throughout the State; providing for the correction of over and under assessments; providing for the collection of State and parish taxes, and the appointment of tax collectors; for the recording of their bonds, and duties of parish re-corders in that, and the removal of parish recorders for violation of the provisions of this act; limiting the power of taxation of all parishes and municipalities throughout the State," etc.,

Have, after consideration, instructed me to

report that the subject matter of said act, relating as it does to the mode of assessment and collecting of the public revenues, more properly appertains to the Committee on Ways and Means. Your committee re-spectfully recommend its withdrawal and its reference to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Bower, the report of the committee was adopted, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

The following named members gave not 5e that they would at some future day introduce the following entitled bills, as follows:

By Mr. Martin, of St. Landry-

"An act to creat a Board of Trustees for the control and preservation of the Franklin College building at Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, with certain powers," etc.

By Mr. Brown-

"An act relating to the indigent poor and the parish physician of the parish of Terrebonne."

By Mr. Mixon-

"An act defining the retail vending of spirituous or intoxicating liquors; making it a crime for certain persons to sell in less quantities than one gallon."

By Mr. Mixon-

"An act requiring all railroads in this State to adopt a uniform rate of tariffs."

By Mr. Estopinal-

"An act to authorize the parish of St. Bernard to fund its indebtedness."

By Mr. Bower-

"An act to authorize Thos. L. Maxwell, late civil sheriff of the parish of Orleans, to sue the State."

By Mr. Davidson-

"An act to provide for the collection of a license of all persons dealing in traffic and merchandise on plantations."

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named members, in accordance with previous notice given, or by consent of the House without previous notice, introduced the following entitled bills, which were severally read, placed upon the calendar of the House, and, under a suspension of the rules, passed to their second reading and referred to committees respectively, as follows:

By the Committee on Contingent Expenses-

House bill No. 102,

"An act making appropriations for the payment of the salaries of the first quarter of the year 1879, from January 1 to March 31, of the constitutional officers of the State, amounting to seventy-live thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars; providing for the

the members and contingent expenses of the name." General Assembly for the session commencing January 6, 1879, the said appropriation amounting to eighty-five thousand dollars; to authorize the Auditor to draw warrants upon the Treasurer for the amount so appropriated; requiring the Fiscal Agent to cash said warrants; providing the ways and means for the security and reimbursement of said Fiscal Agent with five per cent per annum interest thereon, until said reimburse ment is completed; and also providing for the disbursement of said funds, and maintaining section 4 of act No. 58 of 1877, approved March 12, 1877."

Ordered to be printed.

By Mr. Brown, of Jefferson-

House bill No. 104,

"An act entitled 'An act to provide for the removal of the seat of justice of the parish of Jefferson."

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. McKee-

House bill No. 105.

"An act to amend and re-enact the act of May 16, 1878, entitled 'An act to protect the health of the city of New Orleans," etc.

To the Committee on Health and Quarantine.

By Mr. Veazey-

House birl No. 106,

"An act to abolish the office of tax collector in the different parishes of the State, the parish of Orleans excepted; making sheriffs in the different parishes of the State, the parish of Orleans excepted, ex-officio tax collectors; fixing the amount of their bonds, fees, and the mode of collecting taxes and licenses, making settlements, etc., and penalties for violation of their duty.'

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Board-

House bill No. 107,

"An act relating to the office of road inspector, and the working of roads in the country parishes."

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By. Mr. Pope-

House bill No. 108,

"An act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, 1879, and to exempt the moneys appropriated to the Charity Hospital from seizure."

To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Ducote-

House bill No. 109,

"An act authorizing Mayo Stone Robinson,

actual traveling expenses and per diem of of the parish of Avoyelles, to change his

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Jenkins-

House bill No. 110,

"An act to amend and re-enact sections 1010, 1016, 1042, 1043 and 1046, of the Revised Statutes.'

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Schumpert-

House bill No. 111,

"An act for the relief of George W. Norwood, of the parish of Caddo."

To the Committee on Claims, with the accompanying petitions.

By Mr. Renwick-

House bill No. 112,

"An act to amend the charter of the town of Trenton, parish of Ouachita.'

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Martin, of St. Landry-

House bill No. 113.

"An act to limit and define the extent of the claim of the State of Louisiana and the city of New Orleans for their taxes."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Parmelee-

House bill No. 114,

"An act for the relief of the City Insane Asylum of the city of New Orleans."

To the Committee on City Affairs.

By Mr. Demas-

House bill No. 116,

"An act for the relief of E. H. Trepagnier." To the Committee on Claims.

HOUSE BILLS PASSED.

On the motion of Mr. Walton the memorial of Robert Carter and Paulin Carter, of the parish of Concordia, was taken up under the favorable report of the Committee on Parochial Affairs by bill.

The report was received and adopted, and the bill reported by the committee was read and placed upon the calendar of the House, becoming

House bill No. 115,

"An act to amend act No. 34, to incorporate the town of Vidalia, approved March 16, 1870."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was read a second time and ordered to be considered engrossed.

Under a further suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time and passed, and the title was adopted, and it was ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Demas introduced a bill, which was read and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 117,

"Joint Resolution in relation to the sugar tariff bill."

Under a suspension of the rule the bill was passed to a second reading, and was ordered to be considered engrossed.

Under a further suspension of the rules, the bill was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Demas moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

On motion,

House bill No. 78,

"An act to empower and authorize the police jury of the parish of West Baton Rouge to contract indebtedness for the purpose of building a court-house and jail for said parish, and to provide for the payment of the same,

Being substitute for House bill No. 27, reported from the Committee on Parochial Affairs, January 14, 1879, was then taken up on second reading.

On motion of Mr. Pope, the bill was ordered to be considered as engrossed.

Under a suspension of the rules, the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Pope moved that the vote by which this bill finally passed be reconsidered, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SENATE BILL PASSED.

On the motion of Mr. Billieu,

Senate bill No. 27,

"Joint Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to secure the passage by Congress of a bill to appropriate sufficient money to dredge and remove obstructions to navigation in the Bayou Lafourche and Bayou Terrebonne, in the State of Louisiana,"

Under a suspension of the rules, the bill underwent its several readings and passed.

Mr. Redon asked and obtained leave to withdraw House bill No. 444 of the regular session of 1878.

On the motion of Mr. Vance, the House adjourned until Friday, January 17, at 11:30 a.m.

> C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Tench Day's Proceedings.

House of Reprisentatives,)

New Orleans, Friday, January 17, 1879. The House was called to order at 11:30

o'clock a.m., by the Speaker. Present: Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messis.

Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bienvenu, Board, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Coleman, Cordill, Cun-

ningham, Davidson of Red River, Davidso of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducot Durio, Estopical, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Geare Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammon Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, High Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hav, Hite, High tower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jone Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Marti of St Landry, Marquez, Murrell, McElroy McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Pop-Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwich Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smar Scratchley, Stechmann, Smith of St. Mary Scott, Schumpert, Vance, Veazey, Vidrin-Walton, Watson, Welsh, Weightman, Wis-

Seventy-seven members and a quorum.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. A. J. Tard of the Episcopal Church.

The journal of January 16 was approved. Mr. Lyons asked and obtained leave t withdraw House bill No. 58 of the regula session of 1878.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Jeffries, chairman, on behalf of th Committee on Ways and Means, submitte the following report:

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS. New Orleans, January 17, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of th House of Representatives: Your Committee on Ways and Means, t

whom was referred House bill No. 81, entitled

"An act to provide for pro rata payment of the interest tax fund to the holders of all January coupons of consolidated bonds,

Respectfully beg leave to report favorably with the following amendments:

In section 1, lines 10 and 11 strike out th words "on the first day of January."

In line 27, strike out the word "January."
In line 29, strike out the word "January."
In line 33, strike out the word "January."
In line 36, strike out the word "January."
In line 36, strike out the word "January."
In line 38, after the word "coupons," ad
the following: "Shall be made in the manne
hereinafter mentioned."
In line 39 and 40 strike out the wor

In lines 39 and 40, strike out the word "January.

In line 71, after the word "same," add th following: "Upon the warrants of the Audi

In section 2, lines 6 and 7, strike out the words, "on the first day of January."

In line 7, after the word "year," add the following: "Provided that until such time a provided in the bill, shall have been prepared, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall give his receipts for the unpaid half coupons to be returned to the Auditor as soon as said coupon certificates are prepared for delivery and a sum to be fixed by the Board of Liquidation is hereby appropriated, to be paid on dation is hereby appropriated, to be paid ou of the interest fund, for the purpose of thi act."

Lines 8 and 9 to become section 3, with th proper enacting clause.
In the title strike out the word "January,

in the third line.

The committee have considered House bill No. 45, entitled

"An act to exempt sheep from taxation," And beg to report unfavorably upon the me. JAMES JEFFRIES, ame. Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

Mr. Lyons, chairman, on behalf of the ommittee on the Judiciary, submitted the llowing report:

o the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom we been referred certain bills, have the mor to report thereon as follows:

Favorably by majority on House bill No. 18, entitled "An act to repeal section 1 of act No. 60 of extra session of 1877."

Unfavorably on

House bill No. 28, entitled

"An act to repeal act No. 10, session of 1878."

Unfavorably by majority on House bill No. 23, entitled

"An act to abolish the office of public adinistrator of the parish of Orleans, and to peal act No. 87 of 1870."

Unfavorably on House bill No. 24, entitled

"An act to confer additional powers on the stices of the peace of the parish of Conrdia.

Unfavorably on

House bill No. 43, entitled

"An act to establish and regulate the civil risdiction of justices of the peace for the rish of Orleans. Unfavorably on House bill No. 28, entitled

'An act to repeal act No. 10 of 1878."

Unfavorably on House bill No. 94, entitled

'An act to amend and re-enact article 1085 the Code of Practice."

Unfavorably on House bill No. 52, entitled 'An act to amend and re-enact article 2924 the Revised Civil Code."

Unfavorably on House bill No. 54, entitled 'An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to thorize police juries to make such regula-n as they may deem proper to prohibit le of intoxicating liquors on Sunday. Infavorably on

House bill No. 51, entitled

'An act to amend and re-enact article 2712 the Revised Civil Code.

on House bills Nos. 73 and 86, acts tking appropriations to cover deficiencies the salaries of parish judges for the years 7 and 1878, your committee report favority on the judicial question presented in doills, and that, under the decision of the arts, the deficiencies set forth in said bills of as the bills, any provents. st, as the bills provide large appropria-

dour committee recommend that they be erred to the Committee on Appropriations Lour

their consideration.

Your committee returns Youse Bill No. 72, entitled

An act to provide for the payment of the cials and employes of the government of city of New Orleans, etc."

Vithout action and recommend that it

referred to the Committee on City Affairs.

Your committee asks that their report be received and that they may be discharged from the further consideration of said bills. T. B. LYONS, Chairman.

The report was read and adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the above entitled House bill, No. 73, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On his further motion, the above entitled House bill, No. 86, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On his further motion, the above entitled House bill, No. 72, was referred to the Committee on City Affairs.

JOINT SESSION.

A message having been previously received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, in order that the journals of both houses of the General Assembly might be compared with relation to the votes cast by each house for a Senator to represent the State of Louisiana, in the Senate of the United States, for the term commencing March 4, 1879.

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body

were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Breaux, Benners, Bowden, Bryant, Cahen, DeBouchel, Delanoussaye, Ellis, Fontenot, Garland, Harding, Harper, Herron, Kelly, Kenner, Merkel, Norwood, Perkins, Sandiford, Scanland, Stamps, Steven, Sutton, Sanday Walls, Williams, Zashayia, 28 Texada, Wailes, Wells, Williams, Zacharie—28.
Absent—Messrs. Cage, Ducros, Gla, Lan-

dry, Mitchell, Richardson, Stubbs, Wheeler

The roll of the House was called, when the following members answered to their names:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Bridger, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Coleman, Cordill, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Dennas, Datieze, Dati Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Estopinal, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Laner, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Netties, Bryan, Potts, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchiey, Stechmann, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh, Wise, Young. Taylor, Vance, Ve Welsh, Wise, Young.

Seventy-nine members present.

The object of the joint session was announced by the President of the Senate, and

the General Assembly proceeded to ballot for a Senator to represent the State of Louisiana in the Senate of the United States for the term commencing March 4, 1879.

The following nominations were made:

John A. Smith.

H. C. Warmoth.

J. T. Pecot.

P. E. Theard.

E. E. Kidd.

A. J. Dumont.

H. P. Kernochan.

L. R. Simmons. H. L. Garland.

Senators Harding and Merkel voted for Mr. John A. Smith-2 votes.

Senators Cahen, Delahoussaye, Harper, Stamps and Sutton voted for Mr. Warmoth-5 votes.

Senator Garland voted for Mr. Pecot-1

Senator Wailes voted for Mr. P. E. Theard-1 vote.

Senator Ellis voted for Mr. Kidd-1 vote. Senators Bryant and Cage voted for A. J. Dumont-2 votes.

Senator Steven voted for H. P. Kernochan-

1 vote.

Senator Benners voted for L. R. Simmons-

1 vote.

Senators Breaux, DeBouchel, Fontenot. Herron, Kenner, Norwood, Sandiford, Texada, Wells and Zacharie voted for Mr. H. L. Garland-10 votes.

Mr. Gla voted for P. Landry-1 vote.

Mr. Kelly voted for T. S. Maxwell of Winn -1 vote.

Mr. Perkins voted for the Hon. A. B

George-1 vote.

Mr. Scanland voted for Ed. R. Moore of Bossier-1 vote.

Messrs. Hay, Nettles, Sharp, Stechmann, Taylor and Young voted for J. A. Smith-6 votes.

Messrs. Barthelmy, Board, Brown of Jefferson, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Frazier, Hawkins, Hite, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary, and Veazey voted for Hon. H. C. Warmoth- 14 votes.

Messrs. Cordill, O'Bryan and Scratchley

voted for J. T. Pecot -3 votes.

Messrs. Arnauld, Bienvenu, Gubernator, Hasam, McElroy and Reaney voted for Hon. Paul E. Theard-6 votes.

Messrs. Fitzgerald, Hammond, Hightower, Jones, Lauer, Lott, Lyons, Nealey, Robeson, Ross, Scott, Vance and Walton voted for the Hon. E. E. Kidd-13 votes.

Messrs. Bourgeois and Detiege voted for A. J. Dumont-2 votes.

Messrs. Estopinal and Gordon voted for the Hon, H. P. Kernochan-2 votes.

Speaker Moncure and Messrs. Hart, Holzhalb, Jenkins, Potts, Schumpert and Young voted for L. R. Simmons-7 votes.

Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Billieu, Coco, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Durio, Gearey, Guidry, Redon, Jeffries, Vidrine, Welsh and Wise voted for the Hon. H. L. Garland-14 votes,

Messrs. Bridger, Cunningham, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Munday, Ryland and Smart voted for Hon. J. L. Brent-7 votes.

Mr. Renwick voted for T. L. Maxwell-1 vote.

Messrs. E. L. Bower, Martin of Claiborne and Carter voted for Hon. J. D. Hill-3 votes. J. M. Carville voted for Mr. Butterick-1

vote. Mr. M. J. Liddell voted for Hon. W. B.

Spencer-1 vote. Mr. S. F. Parmelee voted for Hon. Louis

Bush-1 vote. Messrs. Ducote, Landry and Pope voted

blank-3 votes. Total, 84 votes.

Total vote 132; necessary to a choice 63 votes.

The President of the Senate announced that there had been no election.

On motion of Senator Harding, the Senate withdrew.

AFTER JOINT SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Smart, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Mr. Cordill, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Lands and Levees, presented the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, January 17, 1879.

Your Committee on Lands and Levees, to whom was referred House bills Nos. 80, 96 and 100, beg leave to report-

Favorably, with amendments, on House bill No. 96,

Unfavorably on House bill No. 80, Respectfully return

Joint Resolution No. 100,

And ask that it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, with the request to report by bill. C. C. CORDILL,

Chairman Committee on Lands and Levees.

The report was received and adopted. On the motion of Mr. Cordill the rules were suspended to take up

House bill No. 96,

"An act to repeal act No. 5 of the extra session of 1878; to create a Board of State Engineers; to define their powers and duties; to levy a tax of one mill for levee and improvement purposes," etc.,

On its second reading, under the foregoing favorable report of the Committee on Lands and Lovees.

On his further motion the amendments recommended by the committee were adopted, as follows:

In section 7, line 95, after the word "viz" insert the words, "the alluvial portions of the following parishes, to wit:"

In section 9, line 141, after the word "collected" insert the words, "unless otherwise ordered by the levee commissioners of that district."

Add another section to the bill as follows: Section 13. Be it further enacted etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and that all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed; provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to suspend the collection or payment of any district taxes heretofore levied by the boards of levee commissioners appointed under the provisions of act No. 5 of the extra session of 1878, approved March 26, 1878.

Mr. Brent, of the Committee on Lands and Levees, offered the following amendments:

In lines 32 and 33, strike out the words "to the largest area of territory."

In section 10, after the word "protection," in line 150, strike out the balance of the section.

In line 69 of the bill, strike out the word "five" and insert the word "six."

Insert in the beginning of line 72 the words, "and south of the lower and southern line of the parish of St. James, and thence down to the sea, exclusive of the parish of Orleans, viz: Part of St. John, part of St. Charles, part of Jefferson, St. Bernard and part of Plaquemines. District No. 2 to consist of all parishes and parts of parishes lying east of the Mississippi and south and west of the hills, from the city of Baton Rouge down to the southern or lower line of the parish of St. James."

Amend by making the "second," "third," "fourth" and "fifth," wherever they are named in the bill, "third," "fourth," "fifth" and "sixth," respectively.

The amendments offered by Mr. Brent were adopted.

Mr. Renwick offered as an amendment a sustitute for section 7 of the bill, as follows:

Be it further enacted, etc., That the State shall be divided for levee purposes into four levee districts, composed of the following limits, to wit: District No.1 to consist of the parishes and parts of parishes lying east of the Mississippi and south and west of the hills, from the city of Baton Rouge down to the sea, exclusive of the parish of Orleans, viz: Part of East Baton Rouge, part of Iberville, part of Ascension, part of St. James,

part of St. John the Baptist, part of St. Charles, part of Jefferson, St. Bernard and part of Plaquemines. District No. 2 No. consist of all persons between and all parishes parts Mississippi, the of parishes between the Mississippi, Bayou Lafourche and the Gulf, vlz. Part of Ascension, part of St. James, part of St. John, part of St. Charles, part of Jefferson, part of Orleans, part of Plaquemines, part of Assumption, and part of Lafourche. District No. 3 to consist of all parishes and parts of parishes south of Red river and between the Mississippi and Lafourche on the east, and the township, line dividing ranges four and the township line dividing ranges four and five east, down the Bayou Petite Prairie, down Bayou Petite Prairie to the Atchafalaya river, down the Atchafalaya river to the north boundary of St. Martin, along this line to the Teche, thence down the Teche, and thence down the Atchafalaya, viz: Part of Avovelles, part of St. Landry, part of St. Martin, part of Iberia, part of St. Mary, part of Assumption, part of Lafourche and Terrebonne. District No. 4 to consist of all parishes between the Mississippi on the east and the Macon and Tensas and Black and Red bayous on the west, viz: East Carroll, Madison, Tensas and Concordia, provided that the parishes of Caddo, Bossier, Red River, De-Soto, Grant, Rapides, West Carroll, More-house, Quachita, Caldwell, Catahoula, Richland and Franklin shall each form a separate sub-district, and in each of these sub-districts the Police Jury shall discharge separately for their own parish the duties assigned to the Board of Levee Commissioners in other districts, and they are hereby empowered to act separately or jointly, as they may decide.

Pending the motion to adopt the substitute,

Mr. Brent moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed, that it be printed as amended, with the substitute for section 7, and be made the special order of the day for Tuesday, January 21, at 1 o'clock p. m.

The motion to postpone, print and make a special order was carried.

On the motion of Mr. Cordill, House bill No. 100.

out the provisions of the same,"

"Joint Resolution to adjust the indemnity due to the State of Louisiana, accruing from the sale of swamp lands by the general government local officers since the acts of 1849 and 1850; to obtain from the United States the final adjustment of the Houma conflicting claims, the settlement of all controversies in regard to the shallow lakes, and those of unsettled or unimproved sections of swamp lands; to appoint the State Register ex officion agent for the State in these matters, and provide for the expenses incurred in carrying

Was taken up on second reading and, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Lands and Levees, was referred to the Committee on Public and Private Land Claims.

Mr. Lyons called for the special order of the day,

Which, on Mr. Cordill's motion, was postponed until after the call of committees.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, State of Louisiana. New Orleans, January 16, 1879.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

I have the honor to submit herewith accounts of my disbursement of Governor's contingent fund; also, account of disbursements of militia fund under appropriation in act No. 22, approved March 30, 1878, and unexpended balance under appropriations in act No. 98, April 27, 1877.

The youchers for expenditures are held subject to your inspection whenever called for.

Very respectfully, FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS, Governor.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, with accompanying papers.

Speaker Moncure, ex-officio chairman of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The Committee on Rules, to which was referred a resolution "To amend Rule 35 of the House," respectfully report House," respectfully report that in the opinion of the committee the amendments proposed are judicious and proper. I am instructed by the committee, as its chairman, to recommend that the resolution do pass.

Respectfully submitted

J. C. MONCURE, Speaker and ex-officio chairman.

The resolution offered by Mr. Ryland to amend Rule 35, of the House, having been favorably reported upon by the Committee on Rules, was taken up, and, under a suspension of the rules.

On the motion of Mr. Ryland, was adopted Mr. Bower from the Committee on City Affairs submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, January 17, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives:

Your committee to whom was referred

House bill No. 47, entitled

"An to for the Muact provide nicipal Budget OI. estimate ceipts and expenditures of the city of New Orleans, for the appropriating a change in the destination of appropriated funds, mak-ing such change penal, providing for the order of paying claims appropriated by ordinances and attaching a penalty to a violation of ordinances, in the last mentioned respect, have instructed me to report favorably on the same.

E. L. Bower, Acting Chairman.

The report was received and adopted,

Mr. Potts, chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS. January 16, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The committee to which was referred— House bill No. 14, entitled

'An act to amend and re-enact section 2 of act approved March 11, 1878, entitled 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans and Pacific Railway Company

Beg leave to report that after considering the said bill it was unanimously decided to report favorably upon the bill, and to recommend its adoption by the honorable House, and the chairman was directed to so inform the House.

S. M. POTTS, Chairman Committee on Railroads.

On motion of Mr. Billieu, the above entitled House bill was ordered to be printed in the journal.

House bill No. 14,

"An act to amend and re-enact section of act approved March 11, 1878, 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authotize the company to make its mortgage bonds and secure them by a first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pledge of said mortgage bonds to the State, and the term thereof, and to regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and louse of Representatives of the State of Lou-House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, section 2 of act approved March 11, 1878, entitled "An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authorize the company to make its mortgage bonds and secure them by a first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pledge of said mortgage bonds to the State and the terms thereof; and to regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds," be amended proceeds of said State bonds," be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: To provide for and guarantee the prompt payment of the interest on said bonds as it shall mature and of the principal of said bonds on or before the pal of said bonds on or before the expiration of the period during which they are to run. The New Orleans Pacific Railway Company shall deposit with the Auditor of Public Accounts, and pledge to the State for that purpose, its second mortgage bond, secured by a second mortgage of all its property, real and personal, both present and future, and whether now constructed or hereafter to be built, and subject to and to rank after the first mortgage now subsisting upon said property, said first mortgage not to exceed five millions of dollars, and after all liens and privileges thereon now existing or which may exist when said second mor gage herein provided for is executed, such deposit and pledge shall be of an amount exceeding, in each case by one-fourth, the amoun of State bonds delivered to said company. The said company on resolutions of its board of directors is authorized to make

such a mortgage, and the same shall cover and effect as a second mortgage and subject to and ranking, after all lieus and privileges as before expressed, all property of said company, whether real or personal, present or future, now owned or hereafter acquired, and whether now constructed or hereafter constructed or be constructed. The amount of bonds secured by said mortgage shall not exceed two and a half millions of dollars; it being intended that the same may be pledged to the State aforesaid. The said mortgage bonds shall have forty years to run, shall bear interest at six per cent per annum, shall have semi-annual coupons attached, shall fall due ninety days prior to the time at which the coupous of the said State bonds shall fall due, and the interest paid on its said bonds by the company to the State as pledge shall at once form a fund, and be used to pay the interest on the State bonds which shall have to the company. said The been issued company shall further enter into the obliga-tion and bind itself in said pledge to extin-guish annually fifty thousand dollars of said bonds, commencing five years after the com-pletion of its line to Shreveport, and continue the extinguishment at such annual rate up to five years prior to the maturity of said State bond; and during the last five years it shall, under the same obligations and pledge, agree to take up and extinguish one-fifth each year of the amount of said State bonds then outstanding. It being understood and agreed, however, that whenever said company shall so extinguish any of the said State bonds it may withdraw from said pledge and deposit, and the State will surrender to the company the proportional amount of the company's mortgage bonds therefor deposited and pledged as aforesaid; and further, that the said railway company may at any time redeem and deliver to the State any valid State bonds equal in value to those herein authorized to be issued, and may thereupon withdraw from such pledge, and the State shall then return to said company the proportional amount of the company's mortgage bonds so pledged as aforesaid.

Mr. Potts, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

> ROOMS COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS, 1 New Orleans, January 16, 1879.

At a meeting of the Committee on Rail-

House bill No. 70,

roads

"An act to amend and re-enact sections 1 and 5 of the act chartering the Alexandria and Arkansas Railroad Company,"

Was taken under consideration, and, after some discussion, the committee decided to report favorably upon the bill and to recommend its adoption, and the chairman was directed to inform the House of this action of the committee.

absence for the members of the special committee of the House in reference to State **Printer for this day and to-morrow.**

Ross, Parmelee and Hammond, Landry, Nettles.

Mr. Liddell, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of of Representatives:

Your Committee on Corporations beg leave to report favorably on

House bill No. 21, entitled

"An act to incorporate Protector Fire Company No. 2 of the city of New Orleans, And recommend that the bill do pass.
M. J. LIDDELL,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

The call of committees being concluded. Mr. Lyons moved that the special order of the day be taken up, being

House bill No. 103,

"An act to repeal act No. 25 of the Legislature of 1868, entitled 'An act to increase the revenues of the State, and to authorize the incorporation and establishment of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, and to repeal certain acts now in force; also to abolish the Louisiana State Lottery Company; also to repeal act No. 9 of the Legislature of 1874, entitled 'An act relative to the unlicensed sale of lottery tickets in the city of New Orleans, and conferring on police courts the power to suppress the same;' also to repeal act No. 10 of the Legislature of 1874, entit ed 'An act relative to crimes and offenses: to declare the sale of illegal lottery tickets or the drawing of any lottery a misdemeanor, and to provide for the punishment of the same, and to regulate the evidence to be received upon the trial of such offenses;' also, to prohibit lotteries and the sale of lottery tickets; to make it a misdemeanor to set up or promote lotteries or to sell lottery tickets. or aid therein, directly or indirectly; to provide punishment therefor, and to regulate the evidence to be received upon the trial of such offenses.

Mr. Gearey moved that the House do now adjourn until 11:30 a.m., January 18.

By a rising vote of 19 year to 40 nays the motion was lost.

Mr. Gearey moved that the further consideration of House bill No. 103 be postponed until Monday at 1 o'clock p. m.

On which motion the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

S. M. POTTS, Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

Mr. Hammond asked and obtained leave of beence for the members of the special contittee of the House in reference to State or this day and to-morrow.

Leave was accordingly granted to Messrs.

S. M. POTTS, Chairman.

Yeas—Messrs. Board, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Como, Coleman, Dason of Iberville, Demas, Frazier, Gearey, Guidry, Gubernator, Hite, Martin of Claiborne, McKee, Potts, Robeson, Smith of St. Mary, Warmoth, Welsn, Weightman—22, Nays—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Breut. Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown, of Tensas, Coco,

Cunningham, Davidson of Red Detiege, Decair, Dupaty, Ducote, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Hart. Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Moncure, Murrell, McElroy, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Stechmann, Scott, Schumpert, Vance, Yeazy, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Wise, Young—63.

The motion to postpone was lost.

The bill was taken up on second reading.

Mr. Cunningham offered the following amendment:

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That nothing herein contained shall be taken or construed to prohibit or declare criminal brdinary raffles, such as are usually gotten up for the relief and benefit of charitable and benevolent institutions.

Mr. Detiege offered the following substitute for the amendment of Mr. Cunning-

ham:

SEC. 5. After the words "by proper authority," last line, insert "provided that nothing in this act shall be construed as to apply to any benevolent purposes, nor for the maintenance of any public charitable institution."

The substitute and amendment were suc-

cessively laid on the table.

Mr. Lyons moved that the bill be adopted as a whole on its second reading.

Mr. Detiege moved as an amendment that the bill be read section by section.

By a rising vote of 15 yeas to 54 nays the motion was lost, and the bill was adopted as a whole on its second reading.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons it was ordered that the bill be considered as engrossed for third reading.

Mr. Lyons moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed, and the bill made the special order of the day for 1 o'clock p. m., January 18.

Mr. Demas moved to amend by making the bill the special order of the day for Monday

at 1 o'clock,

Which was lost.

The motion of Mr. Lyons was carried.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

The following named members gave notice that they would at some future day introduce the following entitled bills, as follows:

By Mr. Allen-

"An act to purchase an official map of the parish of Livingston and make appropriation for the same."

By Mr. Allen-

"An act to annex a portion of Ascension parish to the parish of Livingston, and to divide said territory into police jury wards and for other purposes. By Mr. Hasam-

"An act for the relief of John H. McCan, of the parish of Orleans."

By Mr, Young-

"An act to amend article 644 of the Code of Practice of Louisiana; to repeal all laws or parts of laws on the same subject matter, and to repeal act No. 39 of the session of the Legislature of 1876."

By Mr. Hill-

"An act to amend article 96 of 1878 in reference to assessments in the city of New Orleans."

By Mr. Young-

"An act making an appropriation to cover deficiency of appropriation for compensation of State assessors for the city of New Orleans."

By Mr. Young-

"An act to amend and re-enact section 483 of the Revised Statutes of this State."

By Mr. Wise-

"A bill for the relief of R. L. Fox."

By Mr. Hite-

"An act to prohibit the State, parochial or municipal authorities of this State from levying or collecting any license or tax upon any fair, collation or public entertainment held in support of any public charity or for religious purposes."

By Mr. Murrell-

"An act for the relief of the printers of amendments, as ordered by the extra session of 1878."

By Mr. Murrell-

"An act to be entitled 'An act granting ferry privileges across the Mississippi river from the town of Delta, Madison parish, to Vicksburg, Miss., to A. C. Gibson, Hugh R. Lucas, George C. Waddill, A. W. Crandall, Thomas C. Bedford, A. D. Mattingly and Thomas Rigby and their successors and assigns."

By Mr. Barthelmy-

"An act to be entitled 'An act to repeal all State laws relating to the public lands not protected by laws of the United States; and to revise and re-enact the same so as to constitute homesteads; and to make provisions for their actual settlement; making a revenue; creating officers; defining their duties, and making penalties for the violation of the same."

By Mr. Estopinal-

"An act to authorize the parish of St. Bernard to fund its indebtedness."

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Arnauld-

House bill No. 118,

"An act to abolish the offices of Administra-

tor of Waterworks, Administrator of Assessments and Administrator of Police, and to transfer the bureaux thus vacated, and to fix the salaries of the remaining Administrators."

This bill was read, the rules were suspended and placed on its second reading and referred to the Committee on City Affairs.

The Speaker presented the following list of enrolling clerks for the House of Representatives, who were appointed January 7 and sworn January 9:

J. S. Marstan, P. J. Vigo, C. K. Oakes, J. T. Reeder, J. H. Hardy, J. A. Smith, D. T. Wend-

ling, C. C. McMurray.

Mr. Pope asked and obtained leave of absence for himself and the other members of the Committee on Appropriations to sit tomorrow during the session of the House.

Mr. Murrell presented the following resolu-

tion:

Resolved, That the chairmen of the several committees of the House be and are hereby instructed to furnish the Sergeant-at-Arms with a copy of the notice or announcement of called meetings of their several committees of the House, and it shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to post said notice or an-nouncement on the bulletin board of the House.

Under a suspension of the rules the resolu-

tion was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Murrell the House adjourned until half-past 11 o'clock Saturday, January 18, 1879. C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Eleventh Bay's Proceedings.

H. USE OF REPRESENTATIVES. State o Louisi ma. New Orleans, Saturday, January 18, 1879.

The House was called to order by the

Speaker at 11:30 a.m. Present:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger Bienvenu, Board, Brown of Tensas, Bridger, Bienvenu, Board, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Coleman, Cordill, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Estopinal, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Hart, Hawkins, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Potts, Reaney, Redou, Renwick, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Stechmann, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh, Weightman, Wise, Young.

Seventy-two members and a quorum.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tardy, of the Episcopal Church.

The journal of the seventeenth was adopted. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

> ENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 17, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has passed the accompanying concurrent resolution, fixing the day of adjournment sine die, and respectfully request your concurrence.

Respectfully, JOHN CLEGG. Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Lyons, the reports referred to in communication from the Executive of date January 15, 1879, were referred to the following committees:

Report of Board of Administrators of Insane, to the Committee on Charitable and

Public Institutions.

Report of Board of Trustees of the Institution for Deaf and Dumb, to the same commit-

Report of Board of Control of the State Penitentiary, to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

Report of State Engineers, to the Committee on Lands and Levees.

Report of Adjutant General, to the Committee on Militia.

Report of Register of Land Office, to the Committee on Public Lands.

Report of the Consolidated Association of Planters, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The motion was carried.

JOINT SESSION.

A message having been received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law,

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Breaux, Bowden, Bryant, DeBouchel, Ducros, Ellis, Fontenot, Garland, Harding, Herron, Kelly, Mitchell, Norwood, Perkins, Sandiford, Scanland, Stamps, Steven, Stubbs, Sutton, Texada, Wailes, Wheeler, Williams, Zacharie-25.

The roll of the House was called, when the following named Representatives answered to their names:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs, Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Bil-lieu, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco. Como, Coleman, Cun-ningham, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Estopinal, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Gubernator, Hawkins, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claf-borne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKec, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan,

Parmelee, Potts, Rabouin, Reancy, Redon, Renwick, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Stechmann, Torrey, Vi-drine, Walton, Watson, Welsh, Weightman, Wise and Young.

Seventy-three members present and a quo-

The following nominations were made:

Hon. W. A. Strong.

Hon. P. J. Kennedy.

Hon. Louis Bush.

Hon. L. B. Watkins.

Hon. W. A. Robertson.

Hon. F. H. Hatch.

Hon. Numa Dufour.

Hon. E. Booth.

The roll of the Senate was called, and

Senators DeBouchel, Kelly, Mitchell and Scanland voted for Hon. W. A. Strong-4

Senators Bryant, Stamps, Sutton and Wheeler voted for Hon. P. J. Kennedy-4

Senator Herron voted for Hon. L. Bush-1 vote.

Senators Sandiford and Williams voted for the Hon. J. D. Watkins-2 votes.

Senators Breaux, Ducros, Garland, Norwood and Zacharie voted for the Hon. W. A. Robertson-5 votes.

Senators Harding and Stubbs voted for Hon. Ed. Booth-2 votes.

Senators Bowden, Texada and Wailes voted for Hon. F. C. Zacharie-3 votes.

Senator Delahoussaye voted for the Hon. Ed. Bermudez-1 vote.

Senators Fontenot, Perkins and Steven voted for the Hon. Henry L. Garland-3 votes. The roll of the House was called, when

Speaker Moncure, and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Cunningham, Nealey, Rabouin and Scratchley voted for the Hon. W. A. Strong-7

Messrs. Billieu, Board, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Coleman, Cordill, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Frazier, Hawkins, Hite, Murrell, Potts, Welsh and Weightman voted for the Hon. P. J. Kennedy-17 votes.

Messrs. Billieu, Coco, Dupaty, Estopinal, Hammond, Lauer, Liddell, Lyons, Munday, Redon, Ryland, Smart, Steele and Torrey voted for the Hon. Louis Bush-14 votes.

Messrs. Carter, Davidson of Red River, Hightower, Jenkins, Lott, Mixon and Ross voted for the Hon. L. B. Watkins-7 votes.

Mr. Watson voted for Hon. F. H. Hatch-1 vote.

Messrs. Arnauld, Bienvenu, Fitzgerald, Hammond, Hart, Watkins, McElroy, Par-

melee and Reaney voted for the Hon. Nun Dufour—9 votes.

Messrs. Jeffries, Nettles, Sharp and Your voted for the Hon. E. Booth-4 votes.

Messrs. Carron, Durio, Gordon, Walton and Wise voted for the Hon. F. C. Zacharievotes.

Messrs. Bower and Martin voted for t Hon. J. D. Hill-2 votes.

Messrs. Gearey, Martin of Claiborn O'Bryan, Schumpert and Vidrine voted f the Hon. W. A. Robertson-5 votes.

Mr. Como voted for F. P. Poche—1 vote. Mr. Renwick voted for the Hon. J. L. Brent

Mr. Detiege voted for A. J. Dumont-1 vo Messrs. Barthelmy, Decuir, Landry, D cote and Veazey voted blank-5 votes.

No election.

On the motion of Senator Perkins, the Se ate withdrew.

AFTER JOINT SESSION.

The call of the roll was on motion dispens with.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Lyons, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the fo lowing report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of t House of Representatives:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to who was referred sundry bills, have the honor report on the same, as follows:

Favorably on House bill No. 98, entitled

"An act changing the time for holding t sessions of the Supreme Court at Opelous and Monroe," etc.

Favorably on

House bill No. 79, entitled

"An act to prohibit the drawing of a jury f the spring term," etc.

Favorably by substitute on
House bill No. 5, entitled
"An act to authorize the Ladies of tl
Sacred Heart to sue the State."
And ask to be discharged from furth

consideration of said bills.

On motion of Mr. Lyons the report was r ceived and adopted,

Mr. Bridger, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the fo lowing report:

NEW ORLEANS, January 18, 1879. To the Honorable Speak r and Members of t House of Ropresentatives:

I beg leave to report as correctly enrolled House bill No. 22

"An act to provide for a convention to fran a new constitution of the State, and making an appropriation to pay the expenses of t

R. D. BRIDGER,

Chairman Committee on Enrollment. Mr. Smart for Mr. Pope, chairmen,

alf of the Committee on Appropriations, mitted the following report:

ooms of Committee on Appropriations, New Orleans, January 18, 1879.

the Honorable Speaker and Mon bors of the House of Represent itive-

our committee, to whom was referred Iousebill No. 89,

An act to appropriate the sum of ten thoud dollars for the support and maintenbe of the Charity Hospital at New Orleans, i directing the manner of drawing the ne,

lave after due consideration instructed me report back said bill favorably, with the

lowing amendments, to wit: lection—amended by inserting on the last e, after the word "sec.," the word "second." In the same line, after the word "act," the

rds, "No. 25."

Ind on same line, after word "section,"
words "of 1868."

Ind to amend second section by inserting last line, after the word "sec.," the word eond.

On same line, after word "aet," the words o. 25."

In same line, after word "session," the ords "of 1868.

and would most respectfully recommend passage to your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted, A. W. POPE,

Chairman Committee on Appropriations.

The report was received and adopted.

Mr. Bower, for Mr. Hill, chairman, on be-If of the Committee on City Affairs, subtted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, January 18, 1879.

the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives:

Your committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 87, entitled

'An act authorizing the State Superintendt of Public Education to apportion and the iditor of Public Accounts to pay for the ref of the Board of the Public School Directs for the city of New Orleans certain school venues derived from taxpayers of said city the years 1877 and 1878, and appropriating 20,000 of said city's contribution to the curnt school fund to render this act effectual." Have, after due consideration, instructed me report favorably on said bill.

E. L. BOWER.

The reported was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bower the above entitled Il was referred to the Committee on Approlations.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

The following named members gave notice at they would at some future day introduce e following entitled bills, to wit:

By Mr. Board-

'An act relative to the indigent poor and e parish physician of the parish of Terre-

By Mr. Martin, of St. Landry-

'An act to enlarge the summary docket of

the Supreme Court and to facilitate the settlement of successions."

By Mr. Hart-

"An act to repeal the charter of the Slaughter-House."

By Mr. Watson-

"An act providing for a Sunday law in the State of Louisiana, and providing means for enforcing the same."

By Mr. Walton-

"An act for the relief of delinquent taxpayers."

Also,

"An act to re-adjust the State Land Office, appoint a Register," etc.

By Mr. Bienvenu-

"An act to repeal sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of act No. 80, approved April 20, 1877."

"An act to provide for the recording of births, deaths and marriages in the parish of Orleans."

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named members, in accordance with previous notice given, or by consent of the House without previous notice, introduced the following entitled bills, which were severally read, placed upon the calendar of the House, and, under a suspension of the rules, passed to their second reading and referred to committees respectively, as follows:

By Mr. Landry, of St. Mary-House bill No. 119,

"An act to incorporate the town of Berwick, in the parish of St. Mary, and to provide for the government of the same."

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Lott-

House bill No. 120,

"An act to refund to F. A. G. Taylor, tax collector of the parish of East Carroll, certain moneys paid erroneously into the State Treasury."

To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Estopinal-

House bill No. 121,

"An act to authorize the Police Jury to fund the floating indebtedness of the parish of St. Bernard; to verify the legality of said indebtedness and ascertain the amount, and to provide for the payment of the principal thereof; for a special tax for that purpose; and to limit the rate of interest on said indebtedness, and to prohibit suits against said parish, except in certain cases."

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Martin of Claiborne-

House bill No. 122.

"An act to amend and re-enact article 245 of the Code of Practice."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McElroy— House bill No. 123,

"An act relative to the State Printer, to the official journal of the State, and to the public printing; to regulate and define the prices of public printing; to prescribe the manner in which the same shall be done; to regulate the manner of making advertisements in judicial proceedings, or sales of property under judicial process, or in any other legal proceedings in all parishes; regulating the price therefor; directing the manner and price at which contracts shall be made by police juries and municipal corporations for public printing; to provide for the printing of the annual reports of the various heads of State departments and directors of certain public institutions; providing for the sworn affidavit to be made to bills before being audited; fixing the penalty for perjury, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith."

To the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. Bridger-

House bill No. 124,

"An act to authorize the Merchants' Mutual Insurance Company of New Orleans to apply the amount of taxes hereafter paid the State in excess, to the payment of any taxes that are now or may hereafter become due."

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Young-

House bill No. 125,

"An act making appropriation to cover deficiency of appropriation for salary and necessary expenses of State tax assessors for the city of New Orleans."

To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Bourgeois-

House bill No. 126,

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to authorize the construction of a public road from Boutte Station to Bayou des Allemands, in the parish of St. Charles,' approved May 7, 1874, and to authorize the police jury of the parish of St. Charles to levy a special tax to pay for the building and construction of said road, and to fix the cost of said road and the manner in which the contract to build the same shall be given out."

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Bower-

House bill No. 127,

"An act to authorize Thomas L. Maxwell, late civil sheriff of the parish of Orleans, to sue the State."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hasam-

House bill No. 128,

"An act for the relief of John H. McCan, of the parish of Orleans, and to provide a means of payment."

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Arnauld-

House bill No. 129,

"An act to authorize the institution of legal proceedings for the correction and amendment of the assessment rolls of the parishes and municipal corporations of Louisiana."

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Martin, of St. Landry-

House bill No. 130,

"An act to create a board of trustees for the control and preservation of the Franklin College buildings at Opelousas, parish of St. Landry, with certain powers, etc."

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Mixon-

House bill No. 131,

"An act defining the retail vending of spirituous or intoxicating liquors, making it a crime or misdemeanor for persons other than druggists or apothecaries to vend or sell in less quantities than one gallon."

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Stechmann-

House bill No. 132.

"An act relative to the State Printer; to the official journal of the State; to the public printing; to regulate and define the prices of public printing, and to prescribe the manner in which the same shall be done; to designate the official journal of the State; to create a Printing Board: to determine the manner in which the contract shall be perfected, and to fix the manner in which the laws shall be printed and promulgated; to regulate the number of copies of the reports of the various heads of departments; and to define the duties of Secretary of State, the Attorney General and State Auditor with reference to printing; and to constitute certain crimes, and define their punishment; to repeal sections 1 to 12, both inclusive, of act No. 49, approved March 12, 1877."

To the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. Walton-

House bill No. 133,

"An act for the relief of delinquent taxpayers," etc.

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Walton-

House bill No. 134,

"An act entitled 'An act to readjust the State Land office; appoint a Register and chief clerk; to fix their salaries, and the time the powers and prescribe the duties of the Register: to fix the fees for certificates and patents, and disposition thereof; the price of lands and the disposition of the proceeds; duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Attorney General and Governor; Register to sell school lands; fixing the price thereof and disposition of the proceeds; to provide for the payment of salaries and expenses incurred in the State Land Office, and to repeal act No. 38 of 1870 and act No. 21 of 1871, and all conflicting laws."

To the Committee on Private and Public

Land Claims.

By Mr. Jeffries-

House bill No. 135,

"An act to establish a separate fund, to be known as the salary fund for the constitutional officers and their employees; to levy a tax of two mills on the dollar on assessable values in the State for the purposes of said fund; to provide that money only shall be receivable in payment of the tax appropriated to said fund; to provide for the transfer of any excess of said fund to the 'general fund;' to provide for the payment of the warrants of the constitutional officers and their employees whenever the amount necessary for such payment is not in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the 'salary fund,' and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith."

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Rabouin-House bill No. 136,

"An act to amend and re-enact sections 5, 12, 13, 35, 88 and 90 of act No. 96 of extra session of 1877, approved April 20, 1877, entitled 'An act regulating the mode of assessing and collecting taxes throughout the State,' etc."

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Potts-

House bill No. 137,

"An act authorizing the Governor to confer notarial powers on John A. Croaker, of the parish of Orleans."

To the Committee on Railroads.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Lyons the special order of the day, being

House bill No. 103,

"An act to repeal act No. 25 of the Legislature of 1868, entitled 'An act to increase the revenues of the State, and to authorize the incorporation and establishment of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, and to repeal certain acts now in force;' also to abolish the Louisiana State Lottery Company; also to repeal act No. 9 of the Legislature of 1874. entitled 'An act relative to the unlicensed sale

and manner of paying said salaries; to define of lottery tickets in the city of New Orleans, and conferring on police courts the power to suppress the same; 'also to repeal act No. 10 of the Legislature of 1874, entitled 'An act relative to crimes and offenses; to declare the sale of lilegal lottery tickets, or the drawing of any illegal lottery a misdemeanor, and to provide for the punishment of the same, and to regulate the evidence to be received upon the trial of such offenses;' also to prohibit lotteries, and the sale of lottery tickets; to make it a misdemeanor to set up or promote lotteries or to sell lottery tickets, or aid therein, directly or indirectly; to provide punishment therefor, and to regulate the evidence to be received upon the trial of such offenses."

Was taken up on its third reading.

The bill was read a third time, and on its final passage the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas—Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bourgeois, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Carter, Coco, Cordill, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Durio, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hill, Hightower. Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles. O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts. Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robinson, Ross, Ryland, Scott, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Stechmann, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton. Warmoth, Walson, Weish, Wise, Young—64.

Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Bridger, Board, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decur, Ducote, Frazier, Gordon, Gubernator, Hawkins, Hite, Tander, Cantholae, Smith, of St. Mary

Frazier, Gordon, Gubernator, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Scratchley, Smith of St. Mary, Weightman-20.

The bill passed.

The title of the bill was adopted.

Mr. Lyons moved that the vote by which the bill was finally passed be reconsidered, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

The Speaker announced that, in accordance with the resolution of the House, adopted January 17, in reference to Rule No. 35, he had appointed the two committees therein named. as follows:

Committee on Agriculture and Immigration-W. C. Martin of Claiborne, Joseph M. Allen, W. C. Ross, R. N. Armstrong, G. H. Walton, Y. Vidrine, R. Ducote.

Committee on Commerce and Navigation-O. Rabouin, chairman; Joseph D. Taylor, Kenner Scratchley, F. B. Coco, W. McKee, Thos. M. Frazier, G. Decuir.

Mr. Potts moved that the rules be suspended in order to take up House bill No. 14.

On which motion the years and nays were called for.

Pending the motion to suspend the rules, on the motion of Mr. Murrell the House adjourned until Monday, January 20, at 11:30 o'clock a. m.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Twelfth Day's Proceedings.

House of Representatives. State of Louisiana, New Orleans, Monday, January 20, 1879.

The House was called to order by the Speaker at 11:30 a.m. Present:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gubernator, Hart, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, O'Bryan, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Stechland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Schumpert, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Welsh, Weightman, Young.

Seventy-one members and a quorum.

The journal of the eighteenth was approved.

Mr. Weightman asked and obtained leave to record his vote in the negative on House bill No. 103.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,) New Orleans, January 20, 1879.

To the Bonorable Steaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate has signed duly enrolled

Senate bill No. 12, entitled

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to of the parish of St. Landry, approved March 10, 1860."

Also to inform you that the Senate has

concurred in

House bill No. 6,

"An act to authorize the Police Jury of the parish of Franklin to levy a special tax in said parish sufficient to build or rebuild a

parish jail.

And to inform you that at 12 o'clock m. this day the Senate will be ready to meet the House of Representatives in Joint Assembly to ballot for a United States Senator in accordance with law. Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG. Secretary of the Senate.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Smith, of St. Mary, presented a petition from the citizens of Berwick City, in the

parish of St. Mary, in relation to the incorporation of Berwick City.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations. Mr. Brown, of Jefferson, presented a memorial from the citizens of the parish of Jefferson, right bank.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Quarantine.

Mr. Nettles presented the petition of the Female Orphan Asylum.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 20, 1879.

To the Hono able Specker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has passed the fol-lowing Senate bills, and asks your concurrence in the same:

Senate bill No. 23, entitled "An act for the relief of John H. Lamm,

parish of East Eaton Rouge.'

Senate bill No. 28, entitled "An act to authorize and empower the Police scale, consolidate and bond the indebtedness of said parish." Jury of the parish of West Baton Rouge to

Senate bill No. 57, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact article 911 of the Code of Practice, so as to give a reasonable delay within which petitions for rehearing may be filed at the country terms of the Supreme Court." Senate bill No. 58, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact sections 6. 20 and 28 of act No. 37, entitled an act to in-corporate Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railroad and Steamship Company; to expedite the extension, contruction and maintenance of a railroad between New Orleans, La., and Texas, and between New Orleans, North Louisiana and Arkansas; to declare and define the powers and liabilities of said company; to grant the right of way for the construction of the road; to authorize the appropriation of lands.

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate. Respectfully,

JOINT SESSION.

A message having been received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, to ballot for a United States Senator.

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Breaux, Benners, Bryant, Cage, Cahen, DeBouchel, Delahoussaye, Ellis, Fon-tenot, Harding, Harper, Herron, Kelly, Ken-ner, Merkel, Mitchell, Norwood, Perkins, Sandiford, Scanland, Stamps, Steven, Stubbs, Sutton, Texada, Walles, Wells, Williams, Zacharie.

Twenty-nine Senators present.

The roll of the Honse was called, when the following named Representatives answered to their names:

Hon. J. C. Moneure, Speaker, and Messrs. Hon. J. C. Moneure, Speaker, and Messrs, Allen, Armstrong, Armauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenn, Board, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cunningham, Dawidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubergator, Hutt. Hawkins, Hill Gordon, Gubernator, Hart, Hawkins, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Mun-day, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, O'Bryan, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Ryland Sharp, Spart Seastably, Steele Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Stechmann, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Vance, Veazey. Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Weightman, and Young.

Seventy-one members and a quorum.

The following nominations were made:

Boling Williams.

O. S. Violet.

J. D. Watkins.

William Bell

T. Fontelieu. Emmet D. Craig.

J H. Hassinger.

L. V. Reeves.

The roll of the Senate was called, when Senators Ellis, Harding, Herron, Kelly, Merkel, Norwood, Perkins, Sandiford, Steven, Texada, Wailes and Zacharie voted for the Hon. Boling Williams-12 votes.

Senator Fontenot voted for the Hon. O. H.

Violet-1 vote.

Senators Scanland, Stubbs and Williams voted for the Hon. J. D. Watkins-3 votes.

Senator DeBouchel voted for the Hon. Wm. Bell-1 vote.

Senators Delahoussaye and Sutton voted for the Hon. T. Fontelieu-2 votes.

Senator Cahen voted for the Hon. J. H. Hassinger-1 vote.

Senators Breaux and Bryant voted for the Hon. L. V. Reeves-2 votes.

Senators Benners and Mitchell voted for the Hon. W. A. Robertson-2 votes.

Senator Cage voted for the Hon. F P. Stubbs-1 vote.

Senator Harper voted for the Hon. Louis A. Wiltz--1 vote.

Senator Wells voted for the Hon. F. C. Zacharie-1 vote.

The roll of the House was called, when the following members voted:

Messrs. Moncure, Armstrong, Bower, Da-Ross and Young voted for the Hon. Boling known as act No. 94 of the session of 1873." Williams -14 votes.

Mr. Durio voted for O. S. Violet-1 vote.

Messrs. Carter, Liddell, Lott, Martin of Claiborne, Munday, Renwick and Vance voted for the Hon. J. D. Watkins-7 votes.

Messrs. Arnauld, Brent, Bienvenn, Dupaty, Gordon, Gubernator, Holzhalb, Marquez, Mc-Elroy and McKee voted for Wm. Bell-10 votes.

Barthelmy, Board, Bourgeois, Messrs. Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Ducote, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Smith of St. Mary, Veazey and Warmoth voted for T. Fontelieu-18 votes.

Messrs. Allen, Hightower, Mixon, Smith of Jackson and Watson voted for E. D. Craig-5

Messrs. Cunningham, Hart, Lauer, Nettles, Redon, Sharp and Stechmann voted for J. H. Hassinger-7 votes.

Messrs. Billieu, Brown of Tensas, Coleman and Cordill voted for the Hon. L. V. Reeves-4 votes.

Messrs. Carron and Guidry voted for the Hon. T. B. Lyons-2 votes.

Mr. Detiege voted for A.J. Dumont-1 vote. Mr. Coco voted for the Hon. H. L. Garland-1 vote.

Messrs. T. B. Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Murrell, O'Bryan, Smart, Scratchley, Schumpert, Vidrine, Walton and Welsh voted for the Hon. J. C. Moncure-11 votes.

Mr. O. B. Steele voted for Hon. J. S. Robertson-1 vote,

Total vote 107. No election.

On motion of Senator Wells the Senate withdrew.

AFTER JOINT SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Lyons the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Mr. Lyons, rising to a privileged question, inquired at what time House bill No. 103, the lottery repeal bill, had been put in the hands of the enrolling clerks for engrassment.

The answer, through the Speaker, was, that it had been taken out this morning about halfpast 10 o'clock.

Mr. Detiege asked and obtained leave to withdraw the following bills: House bill No. 445 and No. 198 of the session of 1878.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

The following named members gave notice that they would at some future day introduce the following bills, to wit:

By Mr. Parmelee-

"An act entitled 'An act to amend paragraph 3, section 2 of an act entitled "An act vidson of Red River, Fitzgerald, Gearey, relative to jurors in and for the State of Jeffries, Jenkins, Nealey, Parmelee. Potts, Louisiana," etc., approved April 30, 1873,' and

By Mr. Gubernator-

"An act for the relief of the Register of Con- thereof, issued and to be issued by the city of veyances of the city of New Orleans."

By Mr. Gubernator-

"An act for the relief of J. J. Kearns and others, of the parish of Orleans"

By Mr. Carter-

"An act to re-incorporate the town of Minden."

By Mr. Gearey-

"An act for the relief of taxpayers; remitting all penalties, interest and all other charges to delinquent State taxpayers, and staying all proceedings against them, provided said taxes are paid by July 1, 1879."

By Mr. Schumpert-

"An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled 'An act to establish a board to audit outstanding obligations against the parish of Caddo,' being act No. 80 of the session of 1876."

By Mr. Smith, of St. Mary-

"An act to amend and re-enact section 4 of an act entitled 'An act to regulate and limit the liability of parishes of this State, the parish of Orleans excepted, for costs and fees in criminal proceedings before justices of the peace, and in parish and district courts," approved March 21, 1877."

By Mr. Murrell-

"An act to provide for the election of a State Printer by the General Assembly."

By Mr. Taylor-

"An act to provide for the issue of a new series of bonds in exchange at par for all outstanding bonds of the city of New Orleans; to provide for the payment of the principal and interest thereof, and exempting the same from State and municipal taxation; to prohibit the payment of the principal and interest of said outstanding bonds, and appropriating the proceeds of all taxes heretofore imposed for said outstanding bonds to the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds herein authorized; to create and appoint a board of liquidation, and to define the duties thereof; to define and punish violations of this act, and to prohibit certain officers from diverting funds, except as provided for in this act, and punishing violations thereof; to make a contract between the State and city and holders of said bonds; to prohibit injunctions in certain cases; to enable any holder of bonds authorized by this act to enforce, by legal process, all the provisions of this act; to limit the indebtedness and taxation of the city of New Orleans; to prohibit certain process of court and judicial interference with the execution of the provisions of this act; to settle and provide for he liquidation of all bonds, and the interest New Orleans."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Hammond presented the following report:

ROOMS & PACIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON) f Accounts of State Printer New Orleans, January 20, 1879. Investiga ion of To the Speaker and Members of the House of

Representatives:

In the name of the special joint committee appointed by the General Assembly to investigate the accounts of the State Printer for the year 1878, and at their request, I beg leave to report to the House that Mr. H. W. Green, a witnessed subpænaed to testify before this committee, is in contempt thereof, in this, that he refuses to answer a legitimate question propounded to him under the circumstances specified in the following faithful transcript of that part of the committee proceedings, as

follows, to wit:
By Mr. Hammond—Mr. Green, who instigated you to the prosecution of the State

Printer?

Mr. Green—Myself.

Mr. Hammond-Did you not swear before the Third District Court that if the man who instigated you to do that had not the manhood to come forward, you would not name him :

Mr. Green—I did.

Mr. Hammond-Give his name. Mr. Green—I decline to do so.

Mr. Ross—He must tell the name; he said somebody instigated him, and the committee has the right to demand of the witness who that party is.

I msist upon the di-closure of t at party's name who instigated the witness to the pros-

ecution of the State Printer.

Mr. Hammond—He cannot refuse to give the name of the party. The State Printer's personal character has been attacked, likewise his official integrity. Mr. Green seems to be the principal witness in the case. Hehas testified before the courts and before this committee that another man has prompted him to act as he did act, and Mr. Dupre is entitled to the assistance of this committee in hearing that man's name; and the committee, if no objection is made, will rule that the witness must answer.

Mr. Landry-Before the chairman propounds the question I would like the roll to be

Mr. Hammond-Mr. Clerk, call the roll. The following members answered the call

the roll:

Messrs. Hammond, Parmelee, Ross, Nettles and Landry-5

Absent-Messrs. Bowden, Delahoussaye and Mitchell-3.

Five members and a quorum.

Mr. Hammond—Mr. Green, I will propound to you a question which you must answer. If you refuse to do so I shall put the question to the committee that you be declared in contempt of the House of Representatives, and that you be brought before the bar of the House for such punishment as the House may deem proper. This question is, "What is the name of the party who instigated you to prefer charges against the State Printer, and prosecuted that official?"

Mr. Green-I decline to answer.

Mr. Hammond Gentlemen, shall the witness be declared in contempt and brought before the bar of the House?

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Green Gentlemen, I decline to answer for reasons which I will give before the bar of the House.

In view of the above statement of facts your committee have brought the witness, H. W. Green, under arrest by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and ask that he be brought before t the House for such action as this bar of honorable House deems best.

Approved: Correct transcript of meeting of

the committee on January 18, 1879. J. D. HAMMOND, Chairman.

T. ARMANT, Secretary.

Mr. Murrell offered the following resolu-

tion: Resolved, That the witness H W. Green, who refused to give testimony, be and he is hereby ordered before the bar of the House, and the Seageaut-at-Arms is instructed to bring him before said bar instantly.

The resolution was adopted, and Mr. Green appeared before the bar of the House

Mr. Detiege moved that the following question be put to Mr. Green:

"Is it detrimental to the government or to the judiciary for you to name the person who has advised you to testify in this case or to make charges against the State Printer?"

The Speaker ordered the Clerk to read the question to the House, but refused to propound the same to witness.

By permission of the House Mr. Green presented the following written explanation:

NEW ORLEANS, January 20, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have been brought before the bar of the House to answer why I should not be punished for a contempt of its authority for refusing to answer the following question:

"What is the name of the party who instigated you to prefer charges against the State Printer and prosecute that official?"

Propounded to me by the committee, under the following Joint Resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That a special joint committee of the House and Senate be appointed by the presiding officer of each body, to be composed of five members of the House and three members of the Senate, whose duty it shall be to investigate the accounts of the State Printer for the year 1878, and ascertain what each exact amount is due said State Printer; said joint committee to have the power to send for persons and papers, and to that end they are hereby vested with the power of compulsory process.

In answer, I respectfully submit that, expressly disclaiming any contempt of your honorable body, I decline to answer the ques-

tion, because
1. The question is not in any way calculated to assist your honorable body in the investigation connected with which it is asked, but is calculated solely to involve this respondent in personal difficulties.

2. While no one instigated me to commence

proceedings against the State Printer as an official, I decline to give the name or names the person or persons from whom J ceived the information on which I acted, just as I would decline to give information connected with any other affair of a private or domestic nature, concerning which your honorable body neither had nor could have any authority to inquire.

Respectfully submitted and signed by me, H. W. GREEN.

Mr. Murrell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House be authorized to order the imprisonment of the witness for a term of two days, and he is then to be brought before the bar of the House for interrogation.

Pending the resolution the Speaker again propounded the question, "Mr. Green, will you divulge the name of the person who instigated you to make charges against the State Printer?" When the witness at the bar answered, "I will not."

Mr. Demas made the following motion:

"I move that the answer of the witness be received as satisfactory, and that he be discharged."

Mr. Hammond moved that the motion to discharge the witness be laid upon the table, and on the motion to table the yeas and navs were called for, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Billieu, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Coco, Cordill, Davidson of Red River, Durio, Fitzgerald, Guidry, Gordon, Hammond, Hart, Hawkins, Hightower, Jenkins, Lauer, Liddell, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, Nealey, Nettles, Parmelee, Potts, Reaney, Redon, Nettles, Parmelee, Potts, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Scratchley, Smart, Steele, Stechmann, Schumpert, Vance,

Nidrine, Walton, Young—45.

Nays — Messrs. Armstrong, Barthelmy, Bienvenu, Board, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carter, Carron, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Ducote, Estopinal, Gearey, Gubernator, Cuir, Ducote, Estophia, Grarey, Gubernator, Hite, Holzbalb, Landry, Marquez, McElroy, O'Bryan, Potts, Smith of St. Mary, Taylor, Veazey, Warmoth, Watson, Welsh—31.

And the motion to lay upon the table was carried.

Mr. Brent moved that the resolution of Mr. Murrell be amended by inserting after the word "resolved" the words, "the Senate concurring."

Mr. Cordill moved that the motion to amend be laid upon the table, and on that motion the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Billieu, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Carter, Coco, Cordill, Davidson of Red River, Du-Coco, Cordill, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Durio, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hay, Hightower, Jenkins, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, Nealey, Nettles, Parmelee, Potts, Redon, Renwick, Ross, Sharp, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson,

Schumpert, Vance, Walton—39.
Nays—Messrs. Bartheimy, Brent, Nays—Messrs. Batthelmy. Brent, Blent-venu, Board, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Ducote, Gearey, Hawkins, Hite, Landry. Marquez, McElroy, O'Brien, Ryland, Smart, Smith of St. Mary, Veazey, Vidrine, Warmoth, Young

The motion to amend was laid upon the

table.

Mr. Munday moved to amend the resolution of Mr. Murrell by striking out all after the words "two days."

The motion to amend was lost.

On the adoption of Mr. Murrell's resolution, the yeas and nays were called for with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Billieu, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Coco, Davidson of Red river, Durio, Fitzgerald, Guidry, Gordon, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Jenkins, Lildell, Lott, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Murrell, Nealey, Nettles, Parmelee, Potts, Renwick, Ross, Sharp, Steele, Smith of Jackson, Schumpert, Vance, Vidrine, Walton—36.
Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Board, Bower, Bourgeois. Brown of Jefferson, Carter, Car-

Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carter, Car-Bourgeois, Brown of Jenerson, Carter, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Estopinal, Gearey, Gubernator, Hite, Hightower, Landry, Lauer, Marquez, Munday, McEiroy, McKee, O'Bryan, Ryland, Smart, Stechmann, Smith of St. Mary, Taylor, Veazey, Warmoth, Watson, Welsh, Young.—37.

The motion to adopt was lost.

On motion of Mr. Warmoth, the witness at the bar of the House was ordered to be discharged.

[Mr. Lyons in the chair.]

Mr. Potts moved a suspension of the rules in order to take up House bill No. 14, with the view of fixing it as a special order.

Objection was made, and on the motion to suspend the rules the yeas and nays were called for, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Armstrong, Brent, Bower, Carron, Carter, Coco, Davidson of Red River, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Durio, Gearey, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Durio, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hightower Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Landry, Lauer, Lott, Martin of St. Landry, Mixon, Munday, Murell, Mc-Kee, Nealey, Nettles, Parmelee, Potts, Ryland, Shap, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Schumpert, Vance, Veazey, Walton, Warmoth, Watson, Welsh-45.

Nays-Arnauld, Barthelmy, Billieu. Blensend Board, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson,

venu, Board, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Davidson of Iberville, Hart, Hite, Liddell, Marquez, McElroy, O'Bryan, Reaney, Renwick, Smart, Vidrine—20.

The motion to suspend the rules was carried, and the bill was assigned as the special order of the day for January 21, at 1 o'clock p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Liddell, chairman, on behalf of the

Committee on Corporations, reported as follows:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the H mse of Representatives:

Your Committee on Corporations beg leave to submit the following report: On House bill No. 13, being

"An act to incorporate the Lafayette Young

Men's Benevolent Association, They report tavorably.

On House bill No. 63, being
"An act to enable the St. Charles Hotel
Company to contract a loan of money, and to
give proper securities therefor,"

They report favorably. On House bill No. 48, being

"An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Royville, in the parish of St. Landry,'"

Your committee report unfavorably.

Respectfully submitted, M. J. LIDDELL, Chairman.

Mr. Lyons, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Spiaker and Members of the

House of Representatives:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom have been referred sundry bills, have the honor to report on them as follows:

1. Favorably by majority, with ments, on

House bill No. 32, entitled

"An act to authorize T. A. Flanagan to sue the State." 2. Favorably by substitute on

House bill No. 50, entitled "An act to define the duties of the commissioners appointed under an act to abolish the parish of Carroll."

3. Favorably by a majority of the committee, by substitute, on

House bill No. 58, entitled

"An act to make warrants receivable for

taxes," etc.
4. Unfavorably, by a majority of the committee, on

House bill No. 66. 5. Unfavorably on

House bill No. 97, entitled "An act to fix and regulate the fees of justices of the peace and constables," etc.

6. Unfavorably on H use bill No. 109, entitled

"An act authorizing Mayo Stone Robinson to change his name.

. The committee returns without action

House bill No. 63, entitled

"An act to amend an act reorganizing the State Land Office," And recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Lands and Levees,

8. The committee returns without action

House bill No. 65, entitled

"An act to exempt a homestead of a housenold from seizure and sale," etc

The committee considering that there was no judicial question involved, was divided as to the policy of the bill, and deemed it best that the House should decide that policy, unbiased by a report of this committee.
Your committee begs to be discharged from

further consideration of said bill.

Respectfully submitted, T. B. LYONS, Chairman.

Mr. Gubernator asked and obtained leave to withdraw House bill No. 145 of the session of 1878.

Mr. Lott, chairman, on behalf of the select committee, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am instructed by the committee to whom

was referred the bill,

"An act entitled 'An act to form a compact "An act entitled An act to form the with the State of Arkansas, subject to the approval of the United States Congress, for the purpose of forming a levee district,' "etc., the purpose of forming a levee district,

To report favorably, with the request that the bill be referred to the Committee on Pub-

lie Lands and Levees.

H. R. LOTT, Chairman.

Mr. Walton, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Private Land Claims, submitted the following report:

To the Honorably Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your committee to whom was referred

House bill No. 134, entitled

"An act to readjust the State Land Office," Beg leave to report favorably, with amendents. GEO. S. WALTON, ments. Chairman Committee on Public and Private

Land Claims.

Mr. Potts, chairman, on behalf of the Committeee on Railroads, reported as follows:

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS New Orleans, January 20, 1879. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives:

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred

Act No. 39, entitled "An act donating certain lands to the Red iver and Mississippi Railroad Company, and declaring the forteiture of said lands by the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas Rail-road Company." road Company,

Report favorably on said bill, and the chairman instructed to so inform this honorable

House. Chairman Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Pope, chairman on hehalf of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following request:

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, New Orleans, January 20, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and M-mbers of the House of Representatives:

The undersigned members of your Committee on Appropriations, having been ex-cused on Friday, January 17, from attending the House during Saturday, January 18, that they might more speedily prepare the annual appropriation bill and submit the annual appropriation same to your honorable body, do now beg leave to have their votes on House bill No. 103 recorded as follows: "Yes." leave to have them.

103 recorded as follows: "Yes."

T. HASAM, Jr.

J. M. ROBINSON, A. W. POPE, J. M. JONES, H. M. SCOTT, J. H. HAY

The request was granted, and the names were recorded in the affirmative.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following named members in accorddance with previous notice given, or by consent of the House without previous notice, introduced the following entitled bills, which were severally read, placed upon the calendar of the House, and under a suspension of the rules passed to their second reading and referred to committees respectively, as fol-

By Mr. Murrell-House bill No. 138.

"An act granting ferry privileges across the Mississippi river from the town of Delta. Madison parish, to Vicksburg, Mississippi, to Hugh R. Lucas, A. C. Gibson, Geo. C. Waddill. A. W. Crandall, M. J. Bobe, Thos. C. Bedford, A. D. Mattingly and Thomas Rigby, and their successors and assigns."

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Hart-

House bill No. 139,

"An act to provide for the manner of redeeming outstanding drainage warrants, and to provide for the manner of disposing of uncollected drainage assessments."

To the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. Brent-House bill No. 140,

"An act to incorporate the Donaldsonville Free Bridge Company, in the parish of Ascension; to confer on it certain ferry privileges; to enable it to build and maintain a free bridge over the Bayou Lafourche, with the authority to levy and collect tolls, and make regulations to provide for the punishment of persons interfering with rights of company; to grant it certain rights in relation to judicial suits and appeals; to repeal an act entitled 'An act granting ferry privileges to Max Shonberg and Wm. Murrell, their heirs and their assigns, across the Bayou Lafourche, at Donaldsonville, Louisiana, approved March 16, 1870; to provide for any suit growing out of said repeal, and for other purposes in relation to the premises."

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Hawkins-House bill No. 141,

"An act to incorporate the town of Delta, in the parish of Madison, fixing its boundaries, providing for its government, the election and duties of the officers thereof; granting certain powers of police, taxation of property, trades and professions, and providing for the collect on of the same."

Read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 20, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed Senate bill No. 5, and asks your concurrence in the same

Senate bill No. 5, entitled

"An act to incorporate the New Orleans Board of Underwriters.

And also, that the Senate has concurred in

House bill No. 82,

"Relative to cleaning out the mouth of Verillion river," etc. million river," etc.

House bill No. 10, entitled

"An act to provide for supplying the loss of public records and other papers consumed by the burning of the court-house in the parish of Ladren." of Jackson.

And to inform you that the Lieutenant Gov-

ernor has signed Senate bill No. 27, "Joint Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors, etc., to secure an appropria-tion to remove obstructions in Bayous Lafourche and Terreboune,

And request your signature to the same.

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Reaney moved that that the House adjourn until Tuesday, January 21, at 11:30 a.m.

On the motion to adjourn the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Board, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Coco, Como, Davidson of Red River, Decuir, Estopmal, Hart, Hay, Hire, Hightower, Holzhalb, Martin of Claiborne, Murrell, McElroy, Nealey, Nettles, Reaney, Ross, Sharp, Schumpert, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh—26.

Nays—Messrs, Allen, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bower, Davidson of Iberville, Demas.

Brent, Bower, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Gordon, Hasam, Hawkins, Jeffries, Landry, Gordon, Hasam, Hawkins, Jeffries, Landry, Lyons, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Parmelee, Ryland, Smart, Steele, Torrey—20.

The motion was carried, and the House adjourned.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Thirteenth Day's Proceedings

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, State of Louisiana. New Orleans, Tuesday, January 21, 1879.

The House was called to order at 11:30 o'clock a. m. Present:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Bienvenu, Board, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Coco, Coleman, Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Coco, Coleman, Cordill, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, De-Cordill, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hite, Hightover, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Mixon, Me-Elroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Renwick, Recheson, Ross, Ryland, Sharn, Smart. Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, I

Scratchley, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Welsh and Young.

Seventy members and a quorum.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

> SENATE CHAMBER. New Orleans, January 21, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed Senate bill No. 67, entitled "An act providing for the continuance of

suits and criminal prosecutions in this State, where the attorney for any of the parties therein shall be absent as a member of the constitutional convention to assemble April 21, 1879,

And asks your concurrence in the same. Also, to inform you that at 12 o'clock m. this day the Senafe will meet the House of Representatives in Joint Assembly to ballot United States Senator, in accordance for a Uni

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate.

JOINT SESSION.

A message having been received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, for the purpose of electing a United States Senator,

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs, Breaux, Benners, Bowden, Bryant, Cahen, DeBouchel, Delahoussaye, Dueros, Ellis, Fontenot, Garland, Harding, Harper, Herron, Kelly, Kenner, Mitchell, Norwood, Perkins, Richardson, Sandiford, Scanland, Steven, Stubbs, Sutton, Texada, Wailes, Williams, Zacharie—29.

Absent—Messrs. Cage, Gla, Landry, Merkel, Stamps, Wells, Wheeler—7.

The roll of the House was called, when the following named Representatives answered to their names:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco. Como, Coleman, Cordill, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Duzote, Durio, Frazier, Fizgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lyons, Martin of St Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld Barthelmy, Brent,

Raboult, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Vancott, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Welsh, Wise and Young—82.

The object of the joint session of the General Assembly was announced.

The following nominations were made:

M. G. Bobe.

W. A. Scay.

W. J. Castell.

Aristide Mary.

J. O. Landry.

The roll of the Senate was called, when

Senator Cahen voted for the Hon. M. G. Bobe-1 vote.

Senators Bowden, Kelly, Mitchell, Sandiford, Scanland, Stubbs, Texada, Wailes and Williams voted for the Hon. W. A. Seay-9

Senators Benners, DeBouchel, Ellis, Fontenot, Garland, Kenner, Steven and Zacharie voted for the Hon. W. J. Castell—8 votes.

Senators Bryant, Harper, Stamps and Sutton voted for the Hon. Aristide Mary-4 votes. Senators Breaux and Harding voted for the Hon, J. O. Landry-2 votes.

Senator Delahoussaye voted for the Hon. E.

Bermudez-1 vote.

Senators Herron and Norwood voted for the Hon, R. C. Wickliffe—2 votes.

Senator Perkins voted for the Hon. R. H. Rvland-1 vote.

The roll of the House was called, when

Messrs, Board, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Ducote, Frazier, Hawkins, Hite and Murrell voted for M. G. Bobe-8 votes.

Messrs. Moncure, Armstrong, Billieu, Carter, Gearey, Hammond, Hay, Hightower, Jenkins, Jones, Liddell, Martin of Claiborne, Nealey, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Redon, Renwick, Ross, Ryland, Smart, Scratchley, Schumpert, Vance, Walton, Watson, Welsh and Wise voted for the Hon. W. A. Seay-28 votes.

Messrs. Arnauld, Brent, Carron, Cordill, Dupaty, Fitzgerald, Guidry, Hart, Hasam, Hill, Holzhalb, Lauer, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, McElroy, McKee, Nettles, O'Bryan, Rabouin, Reaney, Sharp, Stechmann, Taylor, Weightman and Young voted for W. J. Castell-25 votes.

Messrs. Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Demas, Decuir, Smith of St. Mary and Veazie voted for Aristide Mary-8 votes.

Messrs. Allen and Mixon voted for Hon. J. O. Landry—2 votes.

Messrs. Bridger, Lyons and Munday voted for the Hon. R. H. Ryland-3 votes.

Mr. Bower voted for Mr. Muse-1 vote.

Mr. Detlege voted for A. J. Dumont -1 vote. Messrs, Robeson, Steele, Smith of Jackson and Scott voted for the Hon. J. C. Moneure-4 votes

Messrs. Bienvenu, Coco, Landry and Vidrine voted blank-4 votes.

Total vote of Senate and House, 111.

The President announced that there had been no election, and on motion of Senator Fontenot, the Senate withdrew.

AFTER JOINT SESSION.

On motion, roll call was dispensed with.

Mr. Hart moved that the journal of the House of January 20 be not adopted as printed, on account of error in recording the result of the vote on Mr. Murrell's resolution, as follows:

Resolved. That the Speaker of the House be authorized to order the imprisonment of the witness for a term of two days, and he is then to be brought before the bar of the House for interrogation.

Mr. Demas moved, as a substitute,

"That the journal of the House be adopted." By a rising vote of 63 yeas to 2 nays the

journal was adopted.

Mr. Lyons, under a suspension of the rules, called up Concurrent Resolution of the Senate fixing the day of adjournment on the twenty-third, and moved to amend the Concurrent Resolution by striking out the word "twenty-third" and insert in lieu thereof "Wednesday, the twenty-niath."

The question was divided by the Speaker and was first put on striking out "Thursday, the twenty-third of January, 1879, at 11 o'clock p. m."

The motion to strike out prevailed by a rising vote of 64 yeas to 14 nays.

Mr. Warmoth moved to amend by inserting "February 7" instead of "Thursday, January 23."

Mr. Hart moved to amend by inserting "February 1, at midnight."

The question was first put on the motion of Mr. Warmoth, being the longest time, and the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas-Speaker Moncure and Messrs. Allen, Billieu, Bienvenu, Board, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Coleman, Cordill, Decuir, Ducote, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Hite, Landry, Lauer, Murrell, McEiroy, McKee, O'Bryan, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Stechmann, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Taylor, Torrey, Veazey, Walton, Warmoth, Watson, Welsh, Weightman, Young—38.

Nays—Messrs, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Bower, Beurgeois, Carron, Carter, Coco, Como, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Dupaty, Frazier, Gubernator, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Billieu, Bienvenu, Board. Brown of Tensas,

Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Nealey, Nettles, Parmelee, Rabouin, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ry-land, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Smith of Jackson, Schumpert, Vance, Vidrine, Wise—50.

The motion of Mr. Warmoth was lost.

On Mr. Hart's amendment the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas—Speaker Moncure and Messrs, Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coleman, Cordill, Decuir, Ducote, Estopinal, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Candry, Conders, Emmond, Hart, Harter, Hammond, Hart, Harter, Hammond, Hart, Harter, Hammond, Harter, Harter, Harter, Harter, Harter Ducote, Estopinal, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hightower, Holzhalb, Lauer, Martin of St. Landry, Mixon, Murrell, McElroy, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Robeson, Ryland, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Schumpert, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh, Weightman, Young—51.

Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Board Bourgeois, Cogo, Como, Davidson of

Nays—Messis, Battlehmy, Blent, Bridget, Board, Bourgeois, Coco, Como, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Dupaty, Hay, Hill, Hite, Jeffries, Jones, Landry, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Marquez, Munday, Nealey, Nettles, Renwick, Ross, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Scott, Taylor, Vance, Warmoth, Wise—34.

The amendment of Mr. Hart was adopted, and the resolution of the Senate was concurred in by the House as thus amended.

Notice of concurrence was ordered to be

given to the Senate.

On the motion of Mr. Potts, the special order of the day,

House bill No. 14,

Was postponed until 2:30 o'clock p. m., this day.

Mr. Hill asked and obtained leave to withdraw his bill,

House bill No. 89,

"An act to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars for the support and maintenance of the Charity Hospital, at New Orleans, and directing the manner of drawing the same."

Mr. Ryland moved that the rules be suspended in order to take up the reports of committees.

By a rising vote of 29 yeas to 31 nays the motion was lost.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Landry presented a petition from the citizens of the parish of St. Mary.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Mixon offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses of the House of Representatives be and he is hereby directof Representatives be and he is hereby directed to pay to Mrs. Elizabeth Simmonds, or her authorized agent, widow of the Hon. Thos. J. Simmonds, deceased member elect from the parish of Washington, the full amount of mileage and per diem which would have been due to Hon. Thomas J. Simmonds as member of the House, bed he light will the absorption of the House hed be light will the distribution. ber of the House had he lived until the close the rate of interest on said indebtedness, and

of the present session, and that the receipt of the said Elizabeth Simmonds or her authorized agent be received as a valid voucher in the settlement of the accounts of said chairшan.

On motion the rules were suspended and

the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hill, chairman of the Committee on City Affairs, asked and obtained leave for the committee to hold a session at this time.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Brent, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Militia, submitted the report of the Adjutant General.

The report was received and ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on the

Militia.

Mr. Pope, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, January 21, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 108,

"An act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, 1879, and to exempt the moneys appropriated to the Charity Hospital from seizure,"

After due consideration, have instructed me to make a favorable report on same by substitute, and to recommend its passage.

itute, and to recommend.

Most respectfully submitted,

A. W. POPE,

Chairman Committee on Appropriations.

On the motion of Mr. Pope the above entitled House bill No. 108 was ordered to be printed, and was made the special order of the day for Thursday, January 23, at 1 o'clock p.m.

Mr. E. E. Smart, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, submit-

ted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Parochial Affairs beg leave to make the following report:

Favorably on

House bill No. 41,

'An act to authorize the parish of Vermillion to raise and levy a special tax, not to exceed two mills on the dollar, with which to build a parish jail."

Favorably on

House bill No. 42, "An act to authorize the parish of Vermillion to raise a special tax to pay its floating debt."

Favorably on House bill No. 121,

"An act to authorize the Police Jury to fund the floating indebtedness of the parish of St. Bernard; to verify the legality of said indebtedness and ascertain its amount, and to provide for the payment of the principal thereof by a special tax for that purpose, and to limit certain cases.

Favorably, by a majority, with amend-

ment, on "An act for the relief of the parish of Jackson, in consequence of the burning of the court-house and record books of said parish. E. E. SMART, Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

Mr. Hammond, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Contingent Expenses, submitted the following report:

> ROOMS COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENT Expenses.

New Orleans, January 21, 1879, To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of R presentatives;

Your Committee on Contingent Expenses, to whom was referred a resolution presented in the House by the Hon. John S. Billieu, in behalf of the late Sergeant-at-Arms, respectfully beg leave to report upon the same by a substitute bill, hereto annexed, and the passage of which they favorably recommend. Respectfully,

J. D. HAMMOND,

Chairman Committee Contingent Expenses. The report was received and adopted, and the substitute for the resolution of Mr. Billieu, as recommended by the committee, was adopted, as follows:

Be it resolved by the House of Representa-tives of the State of Louisiana, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized to pay, according to certified account of the late Sergeant-at-Arms, the sum of forty dollars (\$40) each to the following named persons, to wit: P. J. Kelly, H. B. McMurray, George Buchert, John Maher and W. S. Garey, who were employed, cleaning and repairing the House of Representatives for the opening repairing of this session, for a term of twenty-eight davs.

Mr. Ryland, c airman, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and Quarantine, sub-

mitted the following report:

ROOMS COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND Quarantine

New Orleans, January 21, 1879.

To the Honor ble Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Public Health and Quarantine beg leave to make the following report:

Favorably on House bill No. 44, entitled

'An act to provide a board of medical examiners in country parishes.

Favorably by substitute on House bill No. 67, entitled

"An act to create local boards of health throughout the State," etc.

Favorably on

House bill No. 68, entitled

'An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled 'An act to authorize the Board of Health to detain and disinfect vessels from infected ports," etc. Favorably on

House bill No. 69, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled 'An act to provide for gauging and in- referred to the Committee on Claims.

to probit suits against said parish, except in specting coal oil and illuminating oils," etc. Unfavorably on

House bill No. 76, entitled

"An act to repeal act No. 80, entitled 'An act to reorganize and render more efficient the Board of Health."

And your committee beg leave to return to your honorable body House bill No. 105, with the memorial from citizens of the parish of Jefferson on the same subject, with the recommendation that they be referred to the Committee on City Affairs.

R. H. RYLAND, Chairman.

The report was received and adopted, and the above entitled House bill No. 105 was taken up under a suspension of the rules and referred, according to the recommendation of the committee, to the Committee on City

Mr. Pope, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Rooms Committee on Appropriations, New Orleans, January 21, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom were referred sundry memorials and bills, have the honor to make the following report:

Unfavorably on the petition of E. Wood Perry, and ask that same be referred to the Committee on Claims

Unfavorably on petition of W. J. Grady and others, and ask that same be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Favorably on House bill No. 53, entitled

"An act to supply the deficiency in appropriations of 1875 and 1876 for salaries of district judges, and particularly for the salaries of the judges of the Seventh and Eighth District Courts for the parish of Orleans."

Unfavorably on

House bill No. 88, entitled

"An act to provide for the payment of services rendered the Board of Assessors for State of Louisiana and city of New Orleans," And ask that same may be referred to the Committee on Claims."

Unfavorably on House bill No. 93, entitled

"An act to authorize the purchase of three hundre a copies of Louque's Digest of the Decisions of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, and making an appropriation to pay for the samé.

And favorably on

House bill No. 120, entitled

"An act to refund to F. A. G. Taylor, tax collector of the parish of East Carroll, certain moneys paid erroneously into the State Treasury

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

N. W. POPE. Chairman Committee on Appropriations.

The report was read and adopted, and under a suspension of the rules the above named petition of Grady was taken up and

The above entitled House bill No. 88 was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Walton, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Public and Private Land Claims, submitted the following report:

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AND TRIVATE Land Claims

New Orleans, January 21, 1879

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Public and Private Land Claims, to whom was referred Joint Resolution No. 100,

To adjust the indemnity due to the State of Louisiana from the General Government, for the sale of swamp lands," etc.,

Beg leave to report that they have duly considered the matter, and respectfully submit the accompanying bill as a substitute, and ask for it favorable consideration.

Respectfully, GEO. L. WALTON, Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

The substitute was read for information. Mr. Walton moved that the rules be sus-

pended to take up the substitute.

The motion to suspend was lost.

Mr. Jeffries, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of R-presentatives:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to

whom was referred
House bill No. 15, being
"An act to repeal act No. 26 of the extra
session of 1878, approved April 27, 1878,"
Would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and were unanimously in favor of its passage, but they found that section 20 of this act, known as the Moffett register law, entirely changed the law in reference to licenses. Your committee, therefore, thought it best to prepare an act repealing the Moffett register law, and at the same time imposing a license on trades, professions and occupations, which act they report to the House as a substitute for House bill No. 15, and recommend that one hundred and fifty copies be printed for the use of the Senate and House

JAMES JEFFRIES, Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Jeffries the above substitute was placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 142,

"An aet to impose a license tax upon trades and professions and occupations for the benefit of the general fund tax, and to repeal act No. 26 of the extra session, approved April 27, 1878, and known as the 'Moffett register law.' "

On motion of Mr. Jeffries 150 copies of the bill was ordered to be printed, and the bill was made the special order of the day for Friday, the twenty-fourth instant, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Mr. J. D. Hill, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on City Affairs, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representative

Your Committee on City Affairs beg leave to

submit the following report: On House bill No. 72, being

"An act to provide for the payment of the officers and employees of the government of the city of New Orleans," etc.,

Favorably, with amendments. On House bill No. 118, being

"An act to abolish the offices of administrator," etc.,

Without action, the same being covered by the provisions of House bill No. 74, in the hands of the Special Committeen on City Affairs.

J. D. HILL, Chairman.

House bill No. 96,

"An act to repeal act No. 5 of the extra session of 1878; to create a Board of State Engineers; to define their duties and powers; to levv a tax of one mill," etc.,

Being the special order of the day for this day at 2 p. m., was taken up, and on motion the special order was vacated and the bill was returned to the calendar.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

The following named members gave notice that they would, at some future day, introduce the following entitled bills, to wit:

By Mr. Brown, of Jefferson-

"An act to prescribe the evidence required in tax suits, and to authorize the plea of compensation in the same."

Also,
"An act to authorize the tax collectors of the parishes of this State to sell the taxes due said parishes, and to subrogate the purchaser to the right of the parish to said taxes."

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following named members, in accordance with previous notice given, or by consent of the House without previous notice, introduced the following entitled bills, which were severally read, placed upon the calendar of the House, and under a suspension of the rules passed to their second reading and referred to committees respectively, as follows:

By Mr. Pope-

House bill No. 143,

"An act to authorize the lessees of the State Penitentiary to anticipate the payment of rents owing and to become due."

To the Committee on the Penitentlary.

By Mr. Demas-

House bill No. 144,

"An act for the relief of the New Orleans and Texas Railroad, reducing the assessment thereon, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith."

To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Gearcy-

House bill No. 145,

"An act for the relief of taxpayers, remitting all penalties, interest, and all other charges to delinquent State taxpayers, and staying all proceedings against them, provided said taxes are paid by July 1, 1879,'

With an amendment, offered by Mr. Jenk-

kins, and accepted.

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Bienvenu-

House bill No. 146,

"An act to provide for the recording of births, deaths and marriages in the parish of Orleans, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act.'

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Brent-

House bill No. 147,

"An act for the better protection of life by the use of telegraph in conjunction with railroads operated in this State."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hill-

House bill No. 148,

"An act for the relief of the estate of L. C. Maclin, and making an appropriation for said purpose."

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Brown of Jefferson-

House bill No. 149,

"An act to repeal sections 1 and 5 of act No. 118, approved March 8, 1869, and also section 1 of act No. 144, approved May 16, 1877, in so far only as the parish of Jefferson is affected, and granting to the citizens of the parish of Jefferson the right to slaughter, etc., within the limits of said parish."

To Committee on Parochial Affairs.

Mr. Potts called for the special order of the

day, being House bill No. 14,

"An act to amend and re-enact section 2 of act approved March 11, 1878, 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest: to authorize the company to make its mortgage bonds and secure them by a first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pledge of said mortgage bonds to the State, and the term thereof, and to regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds."

Mr. Liddell moved that the special order

for to-morrow, January 22, at 2:30 o'clock

The motion of Mr. Demas, by a rising vote of 14 yeas to 50 nays, was lost.

Mr. Liddell's motion, by a rising vote of 36 yeas to 36 nays, was lost.

The bill was taken up and read.

Mr. Lyons moved that the enacting clause of the bill be stricken out.

Pending the motion to strike out the House received the following message:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, January 21, 1879.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened:

I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of the Hon. A. Jumel, State Auditor.

Very respectfully, FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS, Governor of Louisiana.

[Mr. Hill in the chair.]

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 21, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed

Senate bill No. 71, entitled

"Joint Resolution to ratify the act of the Auditor of Public Accounts in not publishing the delinquent lists for non-payment of taxes on the twentieth day of September," etc., And to ask your concurrence in the same.

Also.

Senate bill No. 66, entitled

An act for the relief of the widow and heirs of Eraste Mouton, deceased judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District.

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG. Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Potts moved that the motion to strike out be laid upon the table.

Pending this motion, on the motion of Mr. Bienvenu the House, by a rising vote of 45 yeas to 26 nays, adjourned to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 22, 1879.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Fourteenth Day's Proceedings.

H. USE OF REPRESENTATIVES.)

New Orleans, Wednesday, January 22, 1879. The House was called to order by the Speaker at 11:30 a.m. Present:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Barthelmy, Billieu, Bien-venu, Board, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, on the above entitled bill be vacated, and that the bill be placed upon the calendar.

Mr. Demas moved as a substitute that the bill be fixed as the special order of the day Jones, Landry, Lauer, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scatt Schumpert, Torrey of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Welsh, Weightman, Wise, Young.

Seventy-five members and a quorum.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tardy, of the Episcopal Church.

The journal of January 21, was adopted. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of the citizens of East Carroll in relation to the appointment of additional police jurors for said parish.

Referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

Mr. Jeffries offered the following resolu-

Resolved, That the House will call up calendar immediately after the ballot for United States Senator, and devote the entire session to bills on the calendar, or until they are disposed of.

On the motion of Mr. Jeffries, the rules were suspended to take up the resolution at

Pending the consideration of the resolution the following message was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, }

New Orleans, January 22, 1879. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the house of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in the amendment by the House of Representatives to Senate Concurrent Resolution relative to adjournment, which fixed February 1, at midnight, for adjournment sine die.

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG. Secretary of the Senate.

JOINT SESSION.

A message having been received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, for the purpose of elect ing a United States Senator,

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being ealled the following Senators answered to their names:

Messis, Breaux, Benners, Bowden, Bryant, Cahen, DeBouchel, Delahoussaye, Fontenot, Garland, Gla, Harding, Harper, Herron, Kelly, Kenner, Mitchell, Norwood, Perkins, Sandiford, Scanland, Steven, Stubbs, Sutton, Texada, Wailes, Williams, Zacharie—27.

following named Representatives answered to their names:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Board, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Board, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Cordill, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Estopinal, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gubernator, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Weightman, Wise and Young. Wise and Young.

Sixty-six members and a quorum of the House.

The object of the joint session of the General Assembly was announced.

The following nominations were made:

J. A. Taylor,

E. McCullom.

G. A. Breaux, David N. Barrow.

Pierre Landry.

F. C. Zacharie.

The roll of the Senate was called, when Senators Fontenot, Herron and Garland voted for the Hon. J. A. Taylor-3 votes.

Senators Stubb and Zacharie voted for the Hon. Edward McCullom-2 votes.

Senators Benners, Bowden, DeBouchel, Harding, Scanland and Texada voted for the Hon. Gus. A. Breaux-6 votes.

Senator Wailes voted for Hon. David S. Barrow—1 vote.

Senators Breaux, Bryant, Cahen, Delahoussaye, Gla, Kelly, Kenner, Mitchell, Norwood, Sandiford, Stamps and Williams voted for Hon. F. C. Zacharie-12 votes.

Senator Harper voted for Hon. John J. Horan-1 vote.

Senator Perkins voted for Hon. T. B. Lyons-1 vote.

Senator Sutton voted for Hon. Pierre Landry-1 vote.

The roll of the House was called when

Messrs. Moncure, Carron, Durio, Gearey, Holzhalb, Jones, Lott, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Rabouin, Redon, Robinson, Scratchley, Smith of Jackson, Schumpert, Vidrine, Welsh and Wise voted for Hon. J. A. Taylor-20 votes.

Messrs, Billieu, Board, Dupaty, Jeffries and Reaney voted for Edward McCullom-5 votes.

Messrs. Bower, Brown of Tensas, Cordill, Frazier, Gubernator, Hasam, Jenkins, Lauer, The roll of the House was called, when the Pope, McKee, Renwick, Sharp and Stechmann voted for Hon. G. A. Breaux—13 votes. Messrs. Barthelmy, Bourgeols, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Hawkins, Hite, Smith of St. Mary and Warmoth voted for David S. Barrow—11 votes.

Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Carter, Demas, Decuir, Ducote, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Hay, Hightower, Lyons, Martin of Claiborne, Mixon, McElroy, Nettles, Potts, Ross, Scott, Veazey, Walton and Young voted for Hon, F. C. Zacharie—22 votes.

Messrs. Brent, Coco and Smart voted for Hon. L. Texada—3 votes.

Mr. Bienvenu voted for G. W. Young-1 vote.

Messrs. Munday, Ryland and Torrey voted for Hon. T. B. Lyons—3 votes.

Mr. Landry voted blank

The Chair announced that there had been no election of United States Senator.*

And on motion of Senator Mitchell the Senate withdrew.

AFTER JOINT SESSION.

The call of the roll was dispensed with, and the House resumed the consideration of Mr. Jeffries' resolution.

On motion of Mr. Jeffries, the resolution was adopted.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. Murrell, Young and McKee, special committee.

On motion of Mr. Jeffries,

House bill No. 81,

"An act to provide for pro rata payments of the interest tax fund to the holders of all January coupons of consolidated bonds, in cases where said interest tax fund is insufficient to pay said coupons in full,"

Was taken up under the favorable report of the Committee on Ways and Means, with the amendments as recommended by the committee

The report of the committee was read and the amendments therein recommended were adopted, as follows:

In section 1, lines 10 and 11, strike out the words "on the first day of January."

In line 27, strike out the word "January." In line 29, strike out the word "January." In line 33, strike out the word "January."

In line 36, strike out the word "January."

In line 38, after the word "coupons," add the following: "Shall be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned."

In lines 39 and 40, strike out the word "January."

In line 71, after the word "same," add the following: "Upon the warrants of the Auditor."

In section 2, lines 6 and 7, strike out the words, "on the first day of January."

In line 7, after the word "year." add the following: "Provided that until such time as the certificates, with coupons attached, as provided in the bill, shall have been prepared, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall give his receipts for the unpaid half coupons, to be returned to the Auditor as soon as said coupon certificates are prepared for delivery, and a sum to be fixed by the Board of Liquidation is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the interest fund, for the purpose of this act."

Lines 8 and 9 to become section 3, with the proper enacting clause.

In the title strike out the word "January," in the third line.

The rule requiring the House to go into committee of the whole to consider this bill was dispensed with.

On the motion of Mr. Jeffries the bill was ordered to be considered as engrossed.

The rules were further suspended, the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted as amended by the committee.

Mr. Jeffries moved to reconsider the vote by which this bill was passed, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 5,

"An act authorizing the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, a religious corporation of the parish of Orleans, to sue the State,"

Was taken up on second reading, under the favorable report by substitute by the Committee on the Judiciary.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons the substitute was adopted and ordered to be placed on the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 150,

"An act to enable owners of immovable property to test the legality of any mortgage of privileges claimed by the State."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading, taken as engrossed, and under a further suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Lyons moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Hammond called up House bill No. 102,

"An act making an appropriation for the payment of the salaries of the first quarter of the year 1879, from January 1 to March 31, of the constitutional officers of the State, amounting to seventy-five thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (\$75,875) dollars; providing for the payment of the actual traveling expenses and per diem of the members, and contingent expenses of the General Assembly for the session commencing January 6, 1879, the said appropriation amounting to eighty-five thousand (\$85,000) dollars; to authorize the Auditor to draw warrants upon the Treasurer for the amounts as appropriated; requiring the Fiscal Agent to cash said warrants; providing the ways and means for the security and reimbursement of said Fiscal Agent, with five per cent per annum interest thereon, until said reimbursement is completed; and also providing for the disbursement of said funds, and maintaining section 4 of act No. 58 of 1877, approved March 12,

The bill was taken up on second reading.

Mr. Lyons offered a substitute for

House bill No. 102,

"An act making an appropriation to pay the legislative expenses of the session of 1879, and replacing the fourth clause of subsection No. 2 of section No. 1, of the act No. 58 of the regular session of 1877."

Mr. Demas objected to receiving the bill of

Mr. Lyons as a substitute.

The Speaker, Mr. Hill in the chair, ruled that House bill No. 102 was an original bill, reported by a committee, and therefore it was in order to offer a substitute for said bill.

Mr. Murrell moved that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole House for the purpose of considering the above entitled House bill and substitute.

The motion was carried.

[Mr. Hill in the chair.]

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The committee, on rising, reported they have had under consideration substitute for House bill No. 102, and recommend that the substitute and bill be referred back to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Which were so referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. Taylor moved that the rules be suspended in order that the committees be called.

By a rising vote of 43 yeas to 21 mays the rules were suspended, and the committees were called.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Potts, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS. New Orleans, January 20, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by the Committee on Rail-

roads, to which was referred Act No. 137, entitled "An act authorizing the Governor to confer notarial powers on John A. Crooker, of the parish of Orleans,"

To report favorably on said bill, and reby this honorable S. M. POTTS, commend its passage House. Chairman on Railroads.

The report was received and adopted.

Mr. Jenkins, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

> ROOMS OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS, \ New Orleans, January 22, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred sundry bills and claims, have the honor to report as follows:

Favorably on

House bill No. 90, entitled

"An act to authorize James Graham to sue the State."

The committee returns, without action, the petition of J. M. Weymouth, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Favorably on the bills of the New Orleans Waterworks, and recommend that they be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Favorably by bill granting \$2000 on petition of B. Armbruster.

Favorably on House bill No. 56, for the relief of J. Leed Williams.

Favorably on House bill No. 95, for the relief of A. B. Lesueur.

Unfavorably on House bill No. 116, for the relief of E. H. Trepagnler.

Favorably on petition of G. W. Norwood, and with recommendation that the Clerk of the House be instructed to send the papers to the Police Jury of the parish of Caddo for action.

Favorably on petition of Edward Mayher and Bernard Delahoussaye, keepers of the halls of the House of Representatives and Senate. B. F. JENKINS, Chairman.

The above entitled memoral of B. Ambruster was taken up under a favorable report of the Committee on Claims, and under a suspension of the rules, the bill reported by the committee was read and placed upon the calender, becoming

House bill No. 151,

"An act making an appropriation for transferring the records of State tax suits bought by the State of Louislana of the late Superior District Court for the parish of Orleans, to the Third District Court of Orleans."

Under a further suspension of the rules the bill was bassed to its second reading.

Mr. Walton, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Public and Private Land Claims, submitted the following report:

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE) LAND CLAIMS New Orlenns, January 22, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of of Representative :

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Register of the State Land Office, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the printing of one hundred and fifty copies for the use of the House and State offices. GEO. S. WALTON. State offices. GEO. S. WALTON. Chairman Committee on Public and Private

Land Claims.

Mr. Smart, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, reported as follows:

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL AFFAIRS,) New Orleans, January 22, 1879. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Repr sentatives:

Your Committee on Parochial Affairs beg leave to report favorably on the following bills:

House bill No. 130, being "An act to create a board of trustees for the control and preservation of the Franklin College buildings at Opelousas, parish of St. Landry.

House bill No. 104, entitled

"An act to provide for the removal of the seat of justice of the parish of Jefferson.

Respectfully submitted, E. E. SMART, Chairman.

The report was received and adopted. Mr. Smart, for Mr. Bridger, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.) State of Louisiana

New Orleans, Wednesday, January 22 1879. To the Honorabe Speaker and Members of the House of Kerres-ntatives:

Your Committee on Enrollment beg leave to report, as correctly enrolled, House bills Nos. 6, 82 and 117

E. E. SMART, Acting Chairm in.

Mr. Jeffries, on behalf of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Rooms Committee on Ways and Means, Asw Orleans, January 22, 1879

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to whom were referred the following bills, beg leave to report as follows:

On House bill No. 91, entitled

"An act to repeal the fourth clause of section 2, act No. 58," etc.

The committee reports favorably on the above bill.

House bill No. 1, entitled

"An act for the relief of delinquent tax-payers of the State of Louisiana," etc. Your committee reports unfavorably upon the above bill.

On House bill No. 2,

"An act in regard to notaries public," etc.

Your committee reports unfavorably upon the above bill.

"An act defining the retail vending of spirituous or intox cating liquors," etc.,

Your committee, respectfully beg to return the above bill, as the point is covered by the license law bill.

Very respectfully

JAS. JEFFRIES, Chairman.

Mr. Pope, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the folowing report:

ROOMS OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, N. W. Oricanis, J. Inuary 22, 1819.

To the Honor ble Speaker and Members of the House of a presentatives:

Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom were referred sundry bills, beg leave to make the following report:

Unfavorably on

House bill No. 73, entitled

"An act making appropriation to pay defi-ciency due parish judges for the years 1877 and 1878,

For the reason that the appropriation asked for in this bill has been included in a general deficiency bill which your committee have the honor to present to this House with this report.

Unfavorably on

House bill No. 87, entitled

"An act authorizing the State Superintendent of Public Education to apportion, and the Auditor of Public Accounts to pay, for the relief of the Board of Public School Directors for the city of New Orleans, certain school revenues derived from taxpayers of said city for the years 1877 and 1878, and appropriating one hundred and twenty thousand dollars of said eity's contribution to the current school fund to render this act effectual.

House bill No. 86, entitled

"An act making appropriation to cover deficiencies in the salaries of parish judges

for the years 1877 and 1878,"

For the reason that the appropriation asked for is included in the general deficiency

bill, as already stated

Your committee would further report that, at the request of the Auditor of Public Accounts, they present to your honorable House a bill entitled

"An act making appropriation, to cover deficiencies of former years, to be paid out of

revenues of such years,

And they would most respectfully recommend the same to your favorable consideration.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Chairman of Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Hasam presented the following minority report:

Rooms Committee on Appropriations, New Och ans. January 22, 1879.

To the Honor; ble Speaker and Members of the House; f Representatives:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Appropriations, reports favorably

House bill No. 87, entitled

"An act to authorize the State Superintendent of Public Education to pay, for the relief of the Board of Public Schools of New Orleans, certain school revenues derived from tax payments of said city for the years 1877 and 1878," etc.,

For the reason that during those years,

For the reason that during those years, with the strictest economy on the part of the directors of said schools, a deficiency to the extent of the amount claimed exists, and

which cannot otherwise be met.

The entire tax of the current school fund is \$349,000. New Orleans is required to pay towards this amount \$222,000, or eleven-seventeents of the entire amount, thus receiving only one-fourth of the amount collected for the benefit of her own schools.

The report of the Auditor shows that the amount of revenues credited to the current school fund of 1877, up to the thirty-first of December, amounted to \$229,000, of which amount the city of New Orleans paid \$149,750,

the rest of the State only \$78,908.

For many years the country parishes have been the almoners of the bounty derived from the city by the tax for public school purposes. She now asks that for a single year a portion of her own large and excessive contributions, and which is absolutely required to pay her own teachers for the education of her own children, may be returned to her.

Believing that the appeal which she makes is reasonable and just, and having received the unanimous approval of the Committee on City Affairs, I dissent from the report of the majority of our committee, and present this minority report favoring the passage of the bill.

T. HASAM, JR.,

Member Committee on Appropriations.

The bill recommended by the Committee on Appropriations was taken up on a suspension of the rules, read and placed on the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 152,

"An act making appropriation to cover deficiencies of former years, to be paid out of the revenues of such years."

Under a further suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading and was ordered to be printed, and was made the special order of the day for Saturday, January 25, at 1 o'clock p. m.

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING.

House bill No. 25,

"An act in relation to appeals to the Supreme Court of the State from the parishes of Caddo, Bossier and DeSoto,"

Was taken up on third reading.

Read a third time and passed.

Title adopted.

Mr. Lyons moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the passage of this bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

House bill No. 13,

"An act to incorporate the Lafayette Young Men's Association,"

Was taken up on second reading, under the favorable report of the Committee on Corporations, and was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the passage of this bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 14,

"An act to amend and re-enact section 2 of act approved March 11, 1878, 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authorize the company to make its mortgage bonds and secure them by a first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pledge of said mortgage bonds to the State, and the term thereof, and to regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds,"

Was taken up on second reading, and made the special order of the day for January 23, at 2 o'clock p. m.

House bill No. 18,

"An act to repeal section 1 of act No. 60, extra session of 1877, and to authorize police juries to pass ordinances for the protection of wild deer,"

Was taken up on second reading, under the favorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

On the motion of Mr. Jeffries the bill was taken as engrossed.

Mr. Pope moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

Mr. Jeffries moved that the motion to refer be laid on the table.

By a rising vote of 28 yeas to 33 nays the motion to table was lost.

Mr. Jeffries moved to amend by instructing the committee to report a bill to exempt certain parishes, as applied for by their respective delegations.

Pending the motion of Mr. Jeffries, and on motion of Mr. Potts, by a rising vote of 48 yeas to 18 nays the House adjourned until Thursday, January 23, at 11:30 a.m.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Fifteenth Day's Proceedings.

House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, Thursday, January 23, 1879.

The House was called to order at 11:30 o'clock a.m., by the Speaker. Present:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messis Alien, Armstrong, Barthelmy, Board, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Decuir, Durio, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hny, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Laner, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Mixon, Mirrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Welsh, Welly, Welsh, Welsh Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Torrey, Vanco, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Welsh, Wise, Young.

Sixty-six members, and a quorum.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Fardy, of the Episcopal Church.

The journal of January 22 was approved. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Moncure presented the petition of David Cresswell, late parish judge of the parish of Caddo, asking relief.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Mr. Smart offered a Concurrent Resolution relative to the navigation of Sabine river, as follows:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That the Senators representing this State in the United States Senate are hereby instructed, and the Representatives in Congress from Louisiana and Texas are hereby requested, to use their exertions to obtain from the general government an appropriation to make permanent the navigation of Sabine river to the mouth of Bayou Toro, in the parish of Vernon, Louisiana.

Resolved further, That it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the House of Representatives to furnish a copy of this resolution to the members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives from the States of

Louisiana and Texas.

On motion of Mr. Smart the resolution was taken up under a suspension of the rules and adopted.

Mr. Smart moved to reconsider the vote on the adoption of the resolution, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Murrell offered the following resolution, which, under a suspension of the rules, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Elections and Qualifications be and they are hereby instructed to report all cases of contested elections to this House by Tuesday next, at the regular hour.

Mr. Allen offered a petition from the citizens of the parish of Livingston, accompanied with a bill, which was read and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 153,

"An act entitled 'An act to annex certain territory of Ascension parish to the parish of Livingston; to provide for the subdivision of said territory into police jury wards; to provide for the collection of the taxes, and to dispose of certain suits now pending in the courts of Ascension parish."

The bill was read the first time.

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on its second reading and referred, with the memorial, to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, } New Orleans, January 23, 1879. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable

body that the Senate has concurred in

House bill No. 11, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact section 10 of
an act entitled 'An act to provide for supplying the loss of the public records and other
papers consumed by the burning of the courthouse in the parish of Winn during the month of February, 1868."

And to ask your concurrence in the follow-

ing Senate bills:

Senate bill No. 21, entitled "Au act to authorize the Police Jury of the parish of Morehouse to levy a special tax of four and one-half mills during the year 1879, and to make the outstanding indebtedness of said parish receivable in payment of the same.

Senate bill No. 30, entitled

"An ac to amoud an re-enact se tion 7 of an act entitled 'An act o incorporate the town of Jeannerette, in the parish of Iberia.

Senate bill No. 36,

to authorize the wardens of the "An act Church of St. Louis to transfer the property of said church to the Society of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of New Orleans."

Senate bill No. 43,

"An act to authorize the Police Jury of the parish of Iberville to levy a special tax to pay its floating debt.

Senate bill No. 49.

"An act to repeal section 3923 of the Revised Statutes of 1870."

Also, to notify you that at 12 o'clock m. the Senate will be ready to meet the House of Representatives in joint session to ballot for United States Senator.

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate.

JOINT SESSION.

A message having been received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, to ballot for a United States Senator,

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Breaux, Benners, Bowden, Delahoussaye, Ducros, Fontenot, Garland, Harding, Harper, Herron, Kelly, Merkel, Mitchell,

Norwood, Perkins, Sandiford, Scanland, Steven, Stubbs, Sutton, Texada, Wailes, Williams, Rapier—15 votes. Zacharie.

Twenty-three Senators present.

The roll of the House being called, the following members answered to their names:

Hen. J. C. Moneure, Speaker, and Res. Allen, Armstrong, Barthelmy, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Board, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Cordill, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Durio, Estopinal, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gubernator, Hart, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Hightower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Smart, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Tavlor, Torrey, Veazey, Vidrine, Welsh, Wise, Young. Hen. J. C. Moneure, Speaker, and Messrs. llen, Armstrong, Barthelmy, Bridger, Bil-

The following nominations were made:

H. R. Morrison.

Geo. Essick.

T. G. Rapier.

J. D. Hammond

A. Jumel.

E. A. Burke.

A. Voorhies.

The roll of the Senate was called, when Senator Bryant voted for the Hon. T. G. Rapier-1 vote.

Senators Garland, Herron, Kelly and Scanland voted for the Hon. J. D. Hammond-4 votes.

Senators Benners, DeBouchel, Fontenot, Mitchell, Norwood, Sandiford, Steven and Wailes voted for the Hon. Allen Jumel-8 votes.

Senators Harding and Texada voted for the Hon, E. A. Burke—2 votes.

Senator Bowden voted for the Hon. A. Voorhies-1 vote.

Senator Delahoussaye voted for the Hon. Ed. Bermudez-1 vote.

Senator Perkins voted for the Hon. G. B. N. Wailes-1 vote.

Senators Stubbs and Zachārie voted for the Hon. F. S. Goode-2 votes.

Senator Sutton voted blank.

Messrs. Barthelmy, Board, Davidson of Iberville, Hawkins, Hite and Murrell voted for H. R. Morrison-6 votes.

Messrs. Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Como, Coleman, Demas, Decuir, Smith of St. Mary and Veaz y voted for George Essick-8 votes.

Mesers. Arnauld, Estopinal, Gubernator, Hart, Holzhalb, Jenkins, Marquez, McElroy,

Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bienvenu, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Cordill, Hay, Hightower, Jones, Lott, Lyons, Martin, Mixon Munday, Nealey, Nettles, Potts, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Walton, Welsh and Wise voted for the Hon. J. D. Hammond—25 votes.

Messrs. Billieu, Carville, Coco, Dupaty, Durio, Frazier, Hasam, Lauer, Martin of St. Laudry, McKee, Parmelee, Rabouin, Redon and Vidrine voted for the Hon. A. Jumel-14 votes.

Messrs. Carter, Fitzgerald and Schumpert voted for the Hon. E. A. Burke—3 votes.

Messrs. Moneure and Ryland voted for Hon. A. Voorhies-2 votes.

Messrs. Jeffries and Smart voted for Hon F. S. Goode-2 votes.

Mr. Liddell voted for Hon, W. B. Spencer-1 vote.

Messrs, Gearey, Guidry, Landry, O'Bryan and Pope voted blank-5 votes.

Total vote 102. Necessary to a choica 52. No election.

On motion of Mr. Fontenot the Senate withdrew.

AFTER JOINT SESSION.

The call of the roll was dispensed with.

Mr. Carville offered a resolution for the relief of James Crowell, clerk of the court for the parish of Iberville.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following messages were received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, January 23, 1879.

To the Henorable, the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened:

I have the honor to inform you that I have received in manuscript the annual report of the Board of Administrators of the Charity Hos-

Also the annual report of the President of the Baton Rouge, Grosse Tete and Opelousas Railroad Company, which reports 1 hold subject to the order of your honorable bodies or committees

Very respectfully, FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS, Governor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, State of Louisians, New Orleans, January 23, 1879

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House o' Representatives:

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed

House bill No. 22, entitled

"An act to provide for a convention to frame Reaney, Sharp, Stechmann, Taylor, Torrey, la new constitution of the State of Louisiana, and making an appropriation to pay the expenses of the same

FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS, Governor

On the motion of Mr. Lott the rule adopted January 22 was suspended, one-half hour for the purpose of calling committees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Lyons, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on the Judieiary, submitted the following report:

ROOMS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, New Orleans, January 24, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives :

Your Committee on the Judiciary has the honor to report as follows:

Favorably on

House bill No. 113, entitled

"An act to limit and define the extent of the claims of the State of Louisiana and city of New Orleans."

Favorably on

House bill No. 127, entitled

'An act to authorize Thomas L. Maxwell to sue the State.

Your committee returns without action

Petition from the New Orleans Mechanical Association, deeming legislation on the subject matter thereof unadvisable during pendency of certain litigation affecting the same. Your committee reports originally

"An act to amend and re-enact section 816 of the Revised Statutes,"

Having for its object the suppression of crnelty to domesticated animals.

Your committee reports originally

"An act providing for the transfer and trial of causes in which the judges before whom the suits are or shall be instituted are interested, and the judges to be called on under article 90 of the constitution is recused or recusable."

Respectfully submitted, T. B. LYONS, Chairman.

Mr. Liddell, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

ROOMS OF COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS, I New Orleans, Ja uary 23, 1878.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Corporations beg leave to submit the following report:

On House bill No 140 they report favorably, and recommend that it pass.

Respectfully submitted M. J. LIDDELL

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Lott, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Public Education submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your committee, to whom were referred sundry bills, beg leave to report-

Unfavorably on House bill No. 12, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact section 27 of act No. 23, approved March 26, 1877, entitled 'An act to regulate public education in the State of Louisiana; to provide a revenue for ficiency of appropriation for salary and neces-

the same; to Impose certain penalties,'" etc.
And recommend that the House take up, consider and pass

House bill No. 87, entitled

"An act anthorizing the State Superintendent to apportion and the State Auditor to pay certain revenues.

And initavorably on House bill No. 99, entitled

"An act to amend and re-cuact section 27 of act No. 23, approved March 26, 1877, entitled 'An act to regulate public education in the State of Laurenae'" State of Louisiana.

H. R. LOTT, Chairman.

Mr. E. E. Smart, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, submitted the following report:

Rooms of Committee on Parochial Affairs, New Orleans, January 23, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Parochial Affairs beg leave to make the following report:

Favorably, by a majority, on House bilt No. 84.

'An act to repeal section 5 of act No. 30, extra session of 1877, approved March 28, 1877. Unfavorably on

House bill No. 107,

"Relating to the office of road inspectors, and the working of roads in the country parishes.'

Respectfully submitted

E. E. SMART, Chairman.

Mr. Potts, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

LOOMS OF COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS. v. w Orleans, January 23, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred

House bill No. 144, entitled

"An act for the relief of the New Orleans and Texas Railroad, reducing the assessment thereon, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith,"

Report favorably thereon, and the chairman is instructed to so inform the House. S. M. POTTS,

Chairman Committee on Railroads. Mr. Pope, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, New Orleans, January 23, 1879. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Re resentatives:

Your Committee on Appropriations, whom was referred House bills Nos. 61 and 125, have the honor to make the following report:

Favorably on House bill No. 61, entitled "An act providing for the payment of the judgments rendered by the Sixth District Court of the parish of Orleans against the State of Louisiana in favor of T. C. W. Ellis, in suit No. 9931."

Favorably, by substitute, on House bill No. 125, entitled

sary expenses of Board of State Assessors for the city of New Orleans,

And herewith present said substitute to this

honorable house.

Respectfully submitted, O. W. POPE, Chairman Committee on Appropriations.

Under a suspension of the rules the above eutitled substitute was taken up, read, adopted and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 154.

"An act making an appropriation to cover deficiencies of the appropriation for salaries and expenses of the Board of Assessors for the city of New Orleans."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was

passed to its second reading.

Mr. McEiroy, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Public Printing, submitted the following report:

ROOMS OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING, New Orleans, January 23, 1879

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by the Committee on Public

Printing, to which was referred House bill No. 123, entitled "An act relative to the State Printer, to the official journal of the State, and to the public printing,

To report favorably on said bill, and recommend its passage by this honorable House. FRANK McELROY, Chairman.

Under a suspension of the rules, on the motion of Mr. McElroy, the above entitled House bill No. 123 was ordered to be printed and made the special order of the day for January 27, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Mr. J. D. Hill, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on City Affairs, submitted the

following report:

HOOMS COMMITTEE ON CITY AFFAIRS, New Orleans, January 23, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The Committee on City Affairs have instructed me to report favorably by substitute on

House bill No. 8, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a tax collector for the Fifth District of New Orleans.

J. D. HILL, Chairmen.

On motion of Mr. Hill the substitute was taken up, and under a suspension of the rules was placed upon the calendar and passed to its second reading, becoming

House bill No. 155,

"An act to amend and re-enact section ninety-four (94) of act No. 96 of the extra session of the Legislature of 1877, entitled 'An act regulating the mode of assessing and collecting taxes throughout the State and for other purposes, approved April 27, 1877."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

House bill No. 18.

"An act to repeal section 1 of act No. 60,

extra session of 1877, and to authorize police juries to pass ordinances for the protection of wild deer,"

Being the unfinished business on which the House was engaged at the time of its adjournment, was taken up on second reading.

Pending the amendment of Mr. Jeffries to the motion of Mr. Pope to refer the bill to the Committee on Parochial Affairs, the question was divided, and was first taken on the motion to refer.

On which motion the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas—Speaker Moncure and Messrs. Allen, Barthelmy, Board, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Como, Coleman, Cordill, Davidson of Iberville, Demas. Decuir, Durio, Estopinal, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Has Jenkins, Lauer, Liddell, Mixon, O'Bryan, Pope, Robeson, Ryland Hasam, Hite, Nettles, O'Bryan, Pope, Robeson, Ryland, Sharp, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Scott, Schumpert, Mary, Torrey, Veazey, Walton, Welsh, Young-43.

Nays—Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Carter, Carville, Coco Dupaty, Hay, Jeffries, Jones, Landry, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Chairman Marcal Markey, Murrall Markey, Martin of St. Landry, Murrall Markey, Markey, Mark Claiborne, Marquez, Munday, Murrell, Me-Elroy, McKee, Nealey, Parmelee, Rabouin, Renwick, Ross, Smart, Taylor, Vidrine, Watson, Wise-32.

Ine motion to refer was carried.

A motion to lay upon the table the motion to instruct the committee was lost, by a rising vote of 25 yeas to 34 nays.

The motion to instruct was carried.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

House bill No. 108,

"The general appropriation bill,"

Was, on motion of Mr. Pope, called up and reassigned as the special order of the day for Saturday, January 25, at 12:30 o'clock p. m.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

House bill No. 1,

"An act for the relief of the delinquent taxpayers of the State of Louisiana,"

Was taken up on second reading under the unfavorable report of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Jeffries moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Demas moved as an amendment that the bill be postponed until next Wednesday, the twenty-ninth instant.

The motion was carried.

House bill No. 2.

"An act in regard to notaries public, not to require payment of any taxes due on property before passing acts of sale,"

Was taken up under the unfavorable report of the Committee on Ways and Means, and postponed until Wednesday, the twenty-ninth instant.

House bill No. 21,

"An act to incorporate Protector Flre Company No. 2, of the city of New Orleans,"

Was taken up under the favorable report of the Committee on Corporations.

The bill was taken as engrossed and, under a suspension of the rules, was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Parmelee moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 24,

"An act to confer additional powers upon the justices of the peace of the parish of Con-

cordia,"

Was taken up under an unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary, and on the motion of Mr. Walton the bill was indefinitely postponed.

House bill No. 28,

"An act to repeal act No. 10, session of 1878, entitled 'An act relative to civil jurisdiction of justices of the peace in the parish of Orleans,"

Was taken up under the unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary, and on the motion of Mr. Lyons was indefinitely postponed.

House bill No. 29,

"An act to authorize the Police Jury of Iberia parish to levy and collect, a special tax of three mills for a term of years to build a court-house and jail, and to pledge the same for that purpose, and providing for the collection and disbursement thereof," etc.,

Was taken up under the favorable report, with amendments, from the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

The amendments were read, as follows:

In line 10, after the word "years," of section 1, add the words, "or so much thereof as may be necessary."

In section 3, strike out all after the word "made" in line 18, and add the words, "the tax collector and treasurer, for collecting and paying out said special tax, shall only receive such percentage as may be allowed them by the Police Jury."

On the motion of Mr. Veazey the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Warmoth the further consideration of the bill was postponed until tomorrow, the twenty-fourth, immediately after ballot for United States Senator.

House bill No. 32, entitled

"An act to authorize T. A. Flanagan to sue the State,"

Was taken up, under the favorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary. The bill was considered engrossed.

The rules were suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

House bill No. 34,

"An act to amend that portion of section 1 of act No. 23, approved March 30, 1878, entitled 'An act to apportion the State into senatorial and representative districts, and to amend and re-enact section 1 of act No. 1 of the session of 1876, approved January 31, 1876, commencing with the words, 'Twelfth representative district, twelfth ward, one representative,' and ending with the words, 'fifteenth representative district, fifteenth ward, one representative,' "

Was taken up on its second reading and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bill No. 35,

"An act to provide for the appointment of additional police jurors for the parish of East Carroll,"

Was taken up on its second reading and referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

[Mr. Hill in the chair.]

House bill No. 39,

"An act donating certain lands to the Red River and Mississippi Railroad Company, and declaring the forfeiture of said lands by the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas Railroad Company,"

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Rail roads.

On motion of Mr. Moneure the bill was considered engrossed.

The rules were suspended, the bill read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Moneure moved to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

House bill No. 14.

"An act to amend and re-enact section 2 of act approved March 11, 1878, entitled 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authorize the company to make its mortgage bonds and secure them by first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pledge of said mortgage bonds to the State, and the terms thereof, and to regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds,"

Was taken up.

Pending the motion of Mr. Potts to lay

upon the table the motion of Mr. Lyons to strike out the enacting clause,

Mr. Potts withdrew his motion to table the motion of Mr. Lyons.

Mr. Lyons withdrew his motion to strike out the enacting clause.

Mr. Brent offered the following amend-

Strike out in section 1 the following words: "And after all liens and privileges thereon now existing, or which may exist when said second mortgage herein provided for is executed."

Add to section 1:

Provided, That no liens or privileges other than the said first morgage bonds of the company shall be in existence or interposed so as to have a preference over the second mortgage bonds of the company in favor of the

Add to bill as section 2:

Be it further enacted, etc., That section four (4) of act No. 68, session of 1878, approved March 11, 1878, entitled "An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company," etc., be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows, to wit:

"That the first issue of State bonds under this act shall be made as soon as the act shall take effect, but shall be for the sum of \$250,000 only, represented by the work already done on said railway; thereafter all issues of said State bonds shall be at the rate of \$10,000 per mile for every section of ten miles of road graded, bridged and metaled, to be shown by the certificate of the engineer of the company and one of the engineers of the State, or if the office of the engineer of the State, or if the office of the engineer no longer exist, of a civil engineer detailed by the Governor. If the said company shall acquire any railway on its lien already constructed, in whole or in part, such acquired railway, when found or put in running order, shall be taken as a part of the sail or the sail o found or put in running order, shall be taken as a part of the railway of said company, with reference to which State bonds shall be issued under this act, at the rate of \$1000 per mile of the same whenever the same shall be certified as aforesaid; provid d, that on such acquired road the bonds of the company in favor of the State shall rank only after said \$5,000,000 of first mortgage bonds, and that no other mortgage, lien or privilege of any kind whatsoever shall have preference over the bonds of the company in favor of the State.

Add as section 3:

"Be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Add to the title of the bill, in first line, after the word and figure "two" (2), the following, "and section four (4)."

Mr. Demas moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed; that the amendments of Mr. Brent be printed in the journal, and the bill be made the special order of the day for to-morrow, January 24, at 2:30 p. m.

On this motion Mr. Potts moved the pre-

vious question, which was seconded by the House by a rising vote of 58 yeas to 15 nays.

The main question was put on the motion of Mr. Demas, wi ththe following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Arnauld, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carville, Como, Coleman, David-son of Iberville, Demas Detication ennan, Detiege, De Pald, Hart, Demas, Demas, Demas, Demas, Pritzgerald, cuir, Estopinal, Frazier, Fitzgeral Hay, Hill, Hite, Holzhalb, Lauer, Luddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McElroy, McKey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Rabouin, Reaney, Porter, Porter, Porter, Property of the Redon, Renwick, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Stechmann, Smith of St. Mary, Torrey, Welsh, Young-46.

Welsh, Young—40.
Nays—Speaker Moncure and Messis. Armstrong, Board, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Carter, Coco, Cordill, Durio, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernatoc, Hammond, Hasam, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hasam, Hawkins, Hightower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Martin of St. Landry, Murrell, Landry, Martin of St. Landry, Murrell, Nealey, Pope, Potts, Robeson, Smith of Jack-son, Schumpert, Veszey, Walton, Warmoth,

Wise-33.

The motion to postpone was carried.

Mr. Lyons moved that the vote just taken be reconsidered.

Mr. Demas moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, which motion was carried by a rising vote of 47 yeas to 27 nays.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER.) New Orleans, January 23, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in House bill No. 115,

"An act to amend act No. 34, to incorporate the town of Vidalia.

Also to inform your honorable body that the Senate has passed, and requests your concurrence in

Senate bill No. 74,

"An act for the relief of Joseph Liulla, and appropriating the sum of seven hundred dollars.

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG. Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER. New Orleans, January 23, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed and ask your concurrence in the following bills:

Senate bill No. 46, entitled "An act to amend and re-enact 'An act to amend and re-enact 'An act to town of Providence,' etc., approved March 14, 1878."

Senate bill No. 50, "An act to amend the charter of the Crescent Mutual Insurance Company of New Orleans.

And that the Senate has concurred in

House bill No. 78, entitled

"An act to empower and authorize the Po-

lice Jury of the parlsh of West Baton Rouge," etc.

JOHN CLEGG. Respectfully, Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

1 XECUTIVE DEPARTMENT State of Louisiana. New O Johns Jan unry 23, 1879

To the Honorable Senate and II use of Represent tives in General Assembly convened.

I have the honor to inform you that I have received in manuscript the annual report of the Board of Administrators of the Charity Hospital.

Also, the annual report of the President of the Baton Rouge, Grosse Fete and Opelousas Railroad Company; which report I hold subject to the order of your honorable bodies or committees.

Very respectfully, FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS, Governor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT | and Engres-men New Orleans, January 23, 1879.

To the Speaker and Members of the House of R-presentatives:

Your Committee on Enrollment begs leave to report as correctly enrolled House bill No. E. E. SMART, Acting Chairman.

Mr. W. C. Martin, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture and Immigration, submitted the following report:

> ROOMS ' OMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE) New Orleans, January 23, 1879.

To the Honorabl Speaker and Members of the House of Represe tatives

Your Committee on Agriculture and Immigration, to whom was referred the memorial of the citizens of Claiborne, Webster, Bienville, Winn, Red River and Natchitoches, the cotton factors of the city of New Orleans, on the subject of improving the navigation of Bayou Dorchete, Loggy Bayou, Black Lake Bayou and Bayou Conner, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to re-

port—
"Joint Resolution requesting the Senators
"Louisiana in Conand Representatives of Louisiana in Congress to urge upon the Federal government the adoption of means to remove the obstructions that impede the successful navigation of Bayou Dorchete, Bayou Conner, Black Lake oayou, Bayou Coushalta and Loggy Bayou, all in the State of Louisiana."

Your committee would simply add, that inasmuch as these streams are in reality natural canals, provided by a good Providence for the benefit of the inhabitants thereof. to forward to market the products of their toil on the surface of these water courses, and which are susceptible of such improvement as render their navigation not only safe, but of the utmost importance to the planting or producing interests. The cleaning out of the obstructions will at once afford cheap access, and open up a region of country unsurpassed by none.

W. C. MARTIN, Chairman.

On the motion of Mr. Davidson, of Iber-

ville, the House adjourned until Friday, at 11:30 o'clock a. m.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

stateenth Bay's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF FERESENTATIVES / New Orleans Friday, January 24, 1879.

The House was called to order by the Speaker at 11:30 a.m. Present:

Hon J. C. Moneure, Speaker, and Messrs, Allen, Armstrong, Barthelmy, Billien, Bien-venu, Board, Brown of Tenses, Brown of Jef-ferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Coleman, Castille, Coco, Coleman, Cordill, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Ducio, Firzgerald, Frazier, Gearey, Guidry, Gubernator, Hart, Hawkins, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Joffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Laner, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Chiborne, Murrell, Mc-Elroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Plroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robe-son, Ross, Sharp, Smart, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schum-pert, Torrey, Vance, Walton, Watson, Welsh, Wise.

Sixty-four members and a quorum.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tardy.

The journal of the twenty-third was adopted.

Mr. Murrell moved that the vote by which the resolution offered by him on yesterday was adopted be reconsidered, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

A communication was received from the Auditor, Mr. Jumel, which was referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

The calendar of the House was taken up. HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

House bill No. 41,

"An act to authorize the parish of Vermillion to raise and levy a special tax, not to exceed two mills on the dollar, with which to build a parish jail,"

Was taken up on the favorable report of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, and was considered engrossed.

The rules were suspended and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. O'Bryan moved to reconsider the vote by which this bill passed, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 42,

"An act to authorize the parish of Vermillion to raise a special tax to pay its floating debt,"

Was taken up on the favorable report of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, and was considered engrossed.

The rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

just taken, and on his own motion the motion of the city of New Orleans; for the approto reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 43,

"An act to establish and regulate the civil jurisdiction of justices of the peace for the parish of Orleans, and to repeal all acts in conflict with this act,"

Was taken up on the unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Liddell the bill was indefinitely postponed.

House bill No. 29.

"An act to authorize the Police Jury of Iberia parish to levy and collect a special tax of three mills for a term of years, to build a court-house and jail, and to pledge the same for that purpose, and providing for the collection and disbursement thereof," etc.,

Was taken up under the favorable report from the Committee on Parochial Affairs,

with amendments.

The amendments were adopted as follows: In line 10, after the word "years," of section 1. add the words, "or so much thereof as may be necessary."

In section 3 strike out all after the word "made," in line 18, and add the words, "the tax collector and treasurer for collecting and paying out said special tax shall only receive such percentage as may be allowed them by the Police Jury."

The bill was considered as engrossed.

The rules were suspended and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Warmoth moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was finally passed, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 45,

"An act to exempt sheep from taxation,"

Was taken up under the unfavorable report of the Committee on Ways and Means.

And on the motion of Mr. Torrey, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

House bill No. 44,

"An act to provide for the establishment of Boards of Medical Examiners in the country parishes; to define their powers, and to punish by fines or imprisonent, or both, any person who shall be found practicing medicine, or assuming the duties of a physician, without a certificate of qualification from said Board of Medical Examiners,"

Was taken up under the favorable report of the Committee on Public Health and Quarantine, and laid on the table subject to call.

House bill No. 47.

"An act to provide for the municipal bud-Mr. O'Bryan moved to reconsider the vote get or estimates of receipts and expenditures priation of moneys to be withdrawn; prohibiting a change in the destination of appropriated funds, making such change penal; providing for the order of paying claims appropriated by ordinances, and attaching a penalty to a violation of ordinances in the last mentioned respect."

> Was taken up on the favorable report of the Committee on City Affairs, and was consid-

ered as engrossed.

The rules were suspended; the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Bower moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 48,

"An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Rovville, in the parish of St. Landry; to define its boundaries, and to provide for the election of mayor and councilmen; to prescribe their duties and powers, and to provide for the government of the same."

Was taken up under the unfavorable report of the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Guidry moved to consider the bill engrossed.

Mr. Walton moved that section 8 of the bill be stricken out.

Mr. Liddell moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas — Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Brown of Jefferson, Cordill, Decuir, Dupaty, Dugote, Jefferson, Cordil, Docuir, Dupatty, Dusote, Durio, Frazier, Fuzgerald, Gordon, Hart, Hasan, Hay, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St Landry, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McElroy, Nealey, Nettles, Pope, Rabouin, Reaney, Renwick, Robeson, Ryand Starte, Switt, Standard Starte, Switt, Standard Switt, Standard Switt, Standard Switt, Standard Switt, Standard Switt, Switt Switt Standard Switt Switter Switt Switt Switter Switt Switter Switt Switter Switt Switter Switt Switter Switte land, Sharp, Smart, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Walton, Warmoth, Watson, Welsh, Wise, Walton, W Young—54.

Nays — Allen, Carville, Coco, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Guidry, Gubernator, Haw-kins, O'Bryan, Potts, Scratchley, Veazey, Vidrine-13.

The bill was indefinitely postponed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, (New Orleans, January 24, 1879.

To the Honoryble Speaker and Members of the House of Representa ives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has passed, and requests your concurrence in, Senate bill No. 54,

'An act to incorporate the town of Frank-

lin, in the parish of St. Mary, to flx its bound- | Garland-1 vote.

aries," etc.

Also to inform you that the Senate will be ready to meet the House of Representatives in joint session at 12 o'clock in this day, to bailot for United States Schator.

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG. Secret ary.

JOINT SESSION.

A message having been received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, to ballot for a United States Senator,

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Bon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called, the following Schators answered to their names:

Messrs, Breaux, Benners, Bowden, DeBouchel, Ducros, Ellis, Fontenot, Garland, Harding, Herrou, Kelly, Kenner, Merkel, Mitmell, Norwood, Perkins, Sandiford, Sesniand, Steven, Sutton, Texada, Wailes, Williams, Zacharie-24

The roll of the House being called, the following members answered to their names:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Barthelmy, Bienvelu, Board, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron. Carter, Carvide, Coco, Como, Coleman, Ceroitl, Davidson of Therville, Demas, Decur, Durio, Fitzgerald, Frazier, Gearcy, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasan, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Hightower, Holzhald, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, La Holzhaib, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Chalborne, Mixon, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Netties, O Bryan, Pope, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Larp, Smart, Steenmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Seett, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Watson, Welsh, Weight man, Wise.

Sixty-nine members present.

The following nominations were made:

Dr. S. O. Scruggs.

Frank McGloin.

Will Steven.

J. Henri Burch.

The roll of the Senate was called, when

Senators Breaux, Bowden, Ellis, Kelly, Kenner, Sandiford, Scanland, Steven, Texada, Wailes, Williams and Zacharie voted for the Hon. S. O. Scruggs-12 votes,

Senators Benners, Harding and Merkel voted for the Hon. Frank McGloin-3 votes. Senators Fontenot, Garland, Herron. Mitchell and Wells voted for the Hon. Will Steven-5 votes.

Senator Sutton voted for the Hon. J. Henri Burch-1 vote.

Senator Norwood voted for the Hon. H. L.

Schafor Perkins voted for the Hon. Lewis Fexada-1 vote.

The roll of the House was called, when

Messrs. Moneure, Armstrong, Carter, Guiiry, Gubernator, Hammond, Hasam, Hightower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Lauer, Liddell, Mar, tin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Nealey, O'Bryan, Pope, Potts, Robeson, Ross, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Vance, Welsh and Wise voted for the Hon. S. O. Seruggs-26 votes.

Messrs. Atlen, Arnauld, Frazier, Gearey, Hammond, Holzhalb, Marquez, McElroy, Nettles, Parmelee, Reaney, Redon, Taylor and Weightman voted for the Hon. Frank McGloin-14 votes.

Messrs. Brown of Tensas, Carron, Durio, Hay and Stechmann voted for the Hon. Will Steven-5 votes.

Messrs. Barthelmy, Board, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Hawkins, Murrell and Como voted for Hon. J. H. Burch—10 votes.

Mr. Carville voted for the Hon. L. A. Wiltz-1 vote.

Messrs. Coco, Jones, Lyons, Munday and Smart voted for Hon. L. Texada-5 votes.

Messrs. Decuir, Fitzgerald and Veazey voted for Hon. G. A. Breaux—3 votes.

Messrs. Bienvenu, Hill, Landry and Smith of St. Mary voted blank-4 votes

Mr. McKee voted for the Hon. B. F. Jonas-

1 vote. The President announced that there had been no election, and on motion of Mr. Steven

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 24, 1879.

Fo the Honovable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed the tollowing Senate bills and ask your concurrence in same

Senate bill No. 14,

the Senate withdrew.

"An act to fix the salaries of the Crescent City Police force of the city of New Orleans, and requiring the City Council to provide a special fund for the prompt payment of the same, and authorizing any person to proceed by writ of mandamus or injunction to carry out the provisions of this act."

Senate bill No. 72, "An act for the relief of Geo. W. Lee, of Orleans, and appropriating the sum of twenty-five dollars and eighty cents, tax erroneously paid into the State Treasury.

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, State of Louisiana New Orleans January 24, 1879.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the annual report of the officers and trustees of the Louisiana Institution for Education of

the Blind.

Also, exhibit by Hon. R. M Lusher, Superintendent of Public Education, of his expenditures of appropriation for his contingent fund. I am requested by that officer to call your at ention to the certificate and note appended to his exhibit. Very respectfully

FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS,

Governor.

On motion of Mr. Lyons, the exhibit of expenses of the Superintendent of Public Education was referred to the Committee on Public Education.

On his further motion, the annual report of the officers and trustees of the State Institution for the Blind was referred to the Committee on Public and Charitable Institutions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Mr. Jeffries, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Represent tives:

As chairman of your Ways and Means Committee I am instructed by said committee to

report a bill entitled
"An act to create a State Board of Disbursement; defining its duties and powers; prescribing certain duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts, and of the State Treasurer," etc.

And beg to recommend the passage of said biil.

Very respectfully

JAMES JEFFRIES, Chairman.

The bill was read and ordered to be placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 156,

"An act to create a State Board of Disbursements; to define its duties and powers, prescribing certain duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts and of the State Treasurer; to punish parties acting in contravention of this act or of the powers therein conferred, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses of the board,".etc.

The rules were suspended and the bill was

placed on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Lyons the bill was or-

dered to printed

Mr. Smart, for Mr. Bridger, chairman of the Committee of Eurollment, reported as properly enrolled

House bill No. 115,

"An act to amend act No. 34, to incorporate the town of Vidalia, approved March 16, 1870" SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The special order of the day for this day being

House bill No. 142,

and professions and occupations for the benefit of the general fund tax, and to repeal act No. 26 of the extra session, approved April 27, 1878, and known as the "Moffett register law,"

Was taken up.

On the motion of Mr. Jeffries, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House for the consideration of said bill.

[Mr. Bower in the chair.]

The committee of the whole, on rising, reported through its chairman as follows:

The committee of the whole has had under consideration

House bill No. 142,

"An act to impose a license tax," etc.,

And has agreed upon amendments to said

The committee recommend the passage of the bill with said amendments.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

New Orleans, January 24 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the H use of Represen atives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed and ask your concurrence in the following:

Senate bill No. 18, entitled "An act for the relief of Thos. H. Handy, late civil sheriff of the parish of Orleans, and to provide a mode of payment."

Senate bill No. 84, Authorizing Frank Huguet to sue the

State.

Senate bill No. 86, "An act for the relief of Antoine Dubuclet, and appropriating the sum of one hundred and forty-three dollars and eighty cents.

To inform you that the Senate concurs in House Concurrent Resolution, relative to the permanent navigation of Sabine river.

JOHN CLEGG. Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Jeffries the amendments recommended by the committee of the whole were adopted, making the bill read as follows:

House bill No. 142,

An act to impose a license tax upon trades, professions and occupations, for the benefit of the general fund tax; and to provide on the general fant day, and to provide punishment and penalties for violations of the same; and to repeal act No. 26 of the extra session of 1878, approved April 27, 1878, and known as "The Moffett Register Law."

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Lou-biana, in General Assembly convened, That there shall be levied and collected an annual amount, as a license or tax, to be paid into the general fund tax.

First-From each male inhabitant over the age of twenty-one years, not attached to the army or navy of the United States, the sum of one dollar, one-fourth of which shall be appropriated to the University of "An act to impose a license tax upon trades | New Orleans, one-fourth to the free miblic

auce placed in the State treasury to the credit of the Charity Hospital fund.

Second—From each wholesale, or wholesale and retail merchant, dealer or trader, for each importer or dealer in bar stores, one hundred dollars; from each and every retail merchant, fifteen dollars, including stores upon plantations that are owned by the owners thereof or not; from each photographer, twenty-five dollars

Third—From each proprietor of a saw mill or planing mill, fifty dollars; from each keeper of a warehouse, or other place of publie storage for hire, for each keeper of a wharl or wharf-boat, from each receiving and forwarding merchant, fifty dollars.

Fourth-From each keeper of a livery stable, sales stable, or yard, or livery and sales stable, with stalls or other accommodations for horses or nules, twenty five dollars; for every public or private back used for hire, lifteen dollars; for every other public or private vehicle used for hire, drawn by one horse or mule, five dollars; if drawn by two or more horses or mules, ten dollars.

Fifth-From each keeper or proprietor of a distillery, except distilleries used exclusively in distilling from fruit or turpentine, three hundred dollars; from each keeper, or proprietor, or manufacturer of cordials, liquors, wines, or syrups, one hundred doltars; from each keeper of a distillery, from fruit or tur-pentine exclusively, and for the keeper or pro-prietor of a bewry, fifty dollars; provided, that no license shall be required from any person who distills from fruit for his own use, and not for sale.

Sixth=From each proprietor or keeper of every billiard-room saloon, bowling alley, or pistol gallery, in which there is but one table, alley or target, twenty-five dollars; where there are but two tables, alleys or targets, forty dollars; where there are more than two tables, alleys or targets, two dollars additional on each table, alley or target.

Seventh—From the managers or lessees of a

theatre, concert saloon, opera house or mu-seum, five hundred dollars; from the owner of any coffee-house or beer saloon, where theatrical plays, dancing or singing, are performed, whether with or without admission fee, fifteen hundred dollars; from each proprietor of a race course or cockpit five hun-

dred dollars.

Eighth-From each keeper of a cotton press, cotton pickery or ginnery, two hundred and fifty dollars; provided, that this license snall not be applied to cotton gins on plantation ginning less than three hundred bales of cotton for hire; from each banking company, or private banker, or agency, two hundred and fifty dollars; provided, the city of New Orleans shall not have the right to impose a higher license upon said banking companies or private bankers than the license imposed by the State; from each pawnbroker, five hundred dollars; from each dealer in secondhand hardware, rope ends, refuse from ships, pickeries, or rags, commonly called junk dealers, five hundred dollars.

Ninth - From each fortune-teller, astrologer,

or clairvoyant, one hundred dollars.

Tenth—From the proprietors of all coffeehouses, bar-rooms, grog-shops, beer saloons, or gardens, or cabarets, eighty-five dollars; from the proprietors of bars kept on steam-

schools throughout the State, and the bal- boats, or other vessels or water craft, owned and registered in this State, fifty dollars; all retail deal is selling or giving away llquors, whies or bitters (not including boitled malt inquers), in less quantity than an ordinary wine bottle, shall be considered a coffee-house keeper, whether the liquors be drank on the premises or not, and shall pay, in addition to the grocery license, a coffee-house license; that retail dealers or grocers selling distilled liquors, wines, bitters, ale or beer, in less quantity than one gallon, but in no less quantity than an ordinary wine bottle, shall be considered as retail liquor dealers, and pay additional license of fifteen doleach; provided, the liquor so sold not be drank on the premises—rank on the premises, he shall -hall if drank be considered a coffee-house keeper; and each retail grocer or dealer in distilled liquors, in the State of Louisiana, without such additional license, and who shall keep for sale, sell or give away, either by himself or by any imployee, distilled liquor in less quantity than one gallon, shall be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars for each and every offense, to be recovered by motion, by any person, after five days' previous notice, before any court of competent jurisdiction, which, when recovered, shall be paid by such justice to the State Treasurer, for the benefit of the Charity Hospital fund; provided, that nothing in this paragraph shall be held to apply to notels, taverns or restaurants, where liquor is sold to be drank, in good faith, on the premises by persons eating therein.

Eleventh-From each proprietor or keeper of a restaurant, eating-house or beer saloon where meals are served by the day or week, oyster saloon, refreshment saloon, in which cakes, ice cream and other retreshments are

furnished, one hundred dollars.

Twelfth—Every person keeping a hotel for the entertainment of transient persons or travelers, two hundred and fifty dollars; every keeper of a country inn, twenty-five dollars; every keeper of a private or public bo rding-house for the entertainment of persons by the week, month or year, twenty dollars: provided, that a house accommodating less than ten persons shall not be deemed a public boarding-house; every keeper of a lodging-house, for the accommodation of night lodgers only, fifty dollars.

Thirteenth—From each peddler or hawker who peddles or carries goods, wares, merchandise or groceries for sale, or sells through this State, in a boat or other water craft, fifty dollars; in a vehicle by one horse or mule, twenty dollars; in a vehicle by two horses or mules, twenty-five dollars; on horseback, fifteen dollars; on foot, ten dollars; provided, that no lic use hereunder shall authorize any person to obstruct the public roads or to occupy the unenclosed batture along the Mississippi, or to vend their goods upon the public road within six acres of a licensed store, except in the parish of Orleans, or in incorporated towns or villages; provided, that the police juries are authorized to increase in their discretion all licenses charged under this subdivision even beyond the State license herein imposed.

Fourteenth-From each broker acting as agent between buyer and seller, for per centage or other consideration, in the sale of real estate, produce, sugar, coffee or merchandise or freight, fifty dollars; from each money, stock, note, bond, tax, exchange, insurance or s camship and ship agent or broker, fifty d diars; from each steamboat agent, twenty

d llars.

Fifteenth-From each agent or representaive of an insurance company created by or under the laws of this State, and transacting an insu rance business therein, one thousand dollars; from each insurance company or agency not chartered by this State, but transacting business therein, one thousand dollars; provided, that no insurance company whose license tax shall be one thousand dollars, shall be liable to any assessment, State, parish or municipal, throughout the State, for licenses other

than that imposed by this article.

Sixteenth-From each apothecary or retail druggist thirty dollars; provided, that no druggist be licensed except he have a diploma of some medical or pharmaceutical society, or shall have been a practical druggist for ten years; for each physician, surgeon, midwife, dentist or attorney-at-law, ten dollars; provided, that before any physician or surgeon can obtain a license he, she or they shall comply with the requirements of section 2677 of the Revised Statutes, except those who are exempted from such requirements by section 2681 of said act. And any physician who shall falsely pretend to have been a professor of any medical college, or to hold literary or professional titles to which he is not entitled, shall be forever barred from a right to practice medicine in this State, and a failure to supply evidence to substantiate any claim to such titles, by proper diploma, or other documentary, or other satisfactory evidence, shall, on conviction, be fined before any court of competent jurisdiction, the sum of not less than one bundred dollars nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars, and in default of payment of said fine to be imprisoned in the State Penitentiary not less than six months nor more than five years.

Seventeenth-That the only legal evidence that a license has been paid snall be the appropriate form of license issued by the Auditor, and no receipt issued by a tax collector, in place of the license itself, shall be valid.

Eighteenth-From each market dealer of any kind, from each and every person who keeps a stand or stall in a market place, five dollars; private market, twenty-five dollars. Nineteen!h-From every contractor, subcontractor and stevedore, twenty dollars.

Twentieth-From the owner of every coffee stand, or soda or mineral water fountain, fruit stand or stall of any kind on the streets,

ten dollars

Twenty-first-From every incorporated company, other than a railroad, whether domestic or foreign, engaged in transporting merchandisc in this State, one hundred dollars. From every express company doing business in this State, five hundred dollars; provided, that no additional parish or municipal tax on express companies can be imposed.

Twenty-second-From the owner of every towbeat, for public use or hire, in the waters of this state, one hundred dollars; from each and every excavating company, or firm, twenty-five dollars; from every dry dock,

fifty dollars

Twenty-third-From the proprietor of every transient circus or menagerie, fifty dollars for the first performance in any city, town or

locality, and twenty-five dollars for subsequent performances in the same city, town or locality, said license to be paid in advance; rom the proprietors of each public show or exhibition, five dollars, in advance, for each performance or exhibition.

Twenty-fourth-Every person having more than one shop, store or other establishment, or who shall exercise or follow more than one profession, trade, calling or business, shall

pay the tax on each separately.

Twenty-fifth-Each partner of any firm doing business in the State, in any line of occupation, whether resident or non-resident, active or silent, shall pay a license as herein prescribed.

Twenty-sixth-Parties having a tax assessed against them other than real estate, shall not receive a license to pursue their occupation, until they shall pay the tax due upon such assessment.

Twenty-seventh-All forfeitures collected, as herein expressed, in the country parishes or rural districts, shall be paid over to the parish treasurer for the exclusive use of the poor of the parish, to be expended as directed by the police juries of the several parishes, instead of the Charity Hospital of New Orleans. From each telegraph over fifty miles in length, whether domestic or foreign, engaged in transmitting messages beyond the State, five hundred dollars; agents of express companies, who are engaged in shipping cotton and pro face samples only, s all pay a license of fifty dollars; from each municipal or local telegraph, express company, engaged in transmitting messages or parcels within the limits or vicinity of any city or town in this State, one hundred dollars.

Twenty-eighth—From every mechanic, barber or tailor, who is boss or proprietor of a shop, who employs four or more hands, if-

teen dollars.

Twenty-ninth-From every club-house where spirituous liquors are used, sold or supplied to members or visitors, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Thirtieth—From each cart, truck or other vehicle drawn by hand and used for hire, two dollars and tifty cents each.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That from and after the passage of this act it shall not be lawful for any person or corporation to carry on or pursue, practice or follow any of the trades, professions or occupations enumerated in the foregoing sections of this act, in the State, before paying the tax levied thereon, and obtaining a license theretor, if not already licensed, from the collector of the State taxes; and no person or corporation carrying on a profession, business or occupa-tion, subject to the payment of a license as herein provided, shall be allowed to collect any claims for services rendered in such probusiness or occupation, unless he, fession, she or it can, upon demand, exhibit the tax collector's receipt for such license, according to law; and a failure to exhibit such license receipt by any person or corporation liable to such license shall, in any snit instituted by him, her or it, entitle the party defendant in such suit to a non-suit; and any person, firm or corporation attempting to do business without a license shall, on written notice given by the collector to the Attorney General or district attorney, or district attorney pro

tem, be enjoined, in the name of the State, from proceeding further in the transaction of their respective business or vocation until

such license shall have been paid.

SEC 3. Be it further emeted, etc., That it shall not be lawful for any parish or minicipal corporation within this State to levy any liceuse tax on persons cugaged in selling articles of their own manufacture, menufac-tured within this State; provided, that this shall not apply to reweries, distilleries, or other factories of malt, spirituous, or other

liquors or compounds, SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That in all cases of neglector refusal to pay their licenses or tax on personal property of any description, by any person, firm, company, or corporation, doing business in this State, the tax collector shall give ten days' written or printed notice to such delinquent taxpayer, to pay such license or tax on personal property, and if, at the expiration of said notice, the license and tax, together with all costs, be not fully settled, the tax collector shall proceed to seize and sell, after ten days' advertisement, the property, rights and credits of such delinquent taxpayer, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the claims of the State as aforesaid, together with all legal costs.

Be it further enacted, etc., That it SEC. 5. shall be lawful for the tax collector, when he has good reasons to believe that the State will lose the license or tax on personal property by waiting for the expiration of the notice or advertisement herein required, to proceed, by summary seizure and sale of the property, of whatever description, of such delinquents, to satisfy the amount of said tax

or license, with costs and penalties.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That each and every license shall expire on the thirtyfirst day of De ember in the year in which it was obtained; provided, that any person, firm or corporation, engaging in any of the trades or occupations subject to licenses by this act, after the first day of July in each and every year, shall be liable for only half a

license.

Be it further enacted, etc., SEC. 7. That it shall be the duty of assessors throughout the State to list the license taxpayers of their respective parishes or districts in the month of January of each year, and by the thirty-first of said month return one copy of such list to the tax collectors of the district or parish and one copy to the Auditor of Public Accounts; and also, in addition thereto, assessors shall render semi-annually thereafter during the year a supplemental return, as above provided, of persons who during such terms may have become liable to pay a license tax under this act, the license tax being collectible on such list or return.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That act No. 26, extra session, 1878, known as "The Moffett Register Law" (entitled an act to provide revenues for the State from licenses on occupations of dealers in and sellers of wines. spirituous and malt liquors by the drink, and keepers of bar-rooms, and from a tax on the said wines and liquors; to provide for the ascertainment and collection of said tax; to prescribe the use of the register, etc., etc.), be and the same is hereby repealed; provided, that the collection of all unpaid licenses for the

license taxes heretofore imposed under the provisions of any former license act, and not herein enumerated or provided for, be and the same are hereby repealed; and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Mr. Jeffries moved that the bill be adopted on its second reading.

Carried.

Mr. Taylor offered the following amendment as an additional section:

"That it shall not be lawful for any parish or municipal corporation to levy, assess or demand any license tax on any trade, profession, occupation or calling, in excess of any license tax herein levied and established on any such trade, profession or calling, except as herein specially provided."

By a rising vote of 17 year to 45 nays the motion to amend was lost,

On the motion of Mr. Jeff. ies the bill was ordered to be taken as engrossed.

Under a suspension of the rules, on the further motion of Mr. Jeffries, the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was amended to correspond with the additional sections of the bill as adopted in the committee of the whole, and the title was adopted as amended.

Mr. Jeffries moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Potts moved that

House bill No. 14,

"An act to amend and re-enact section 2 of act approved March 11, 1878, entitled 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authorize the company to make its mortgage bonds and secure them by first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pledge of said mortgage bonds to the State, and the terms thereof, and to regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds,"

Which had been assigned as the special order of the day for this day at 2 o'clock, be reassigned as the special order of the day, immediately after joint session for election for United States Senator, to-morrow, the twenty-fifth instant.

Pending the motion to reassign, on the motion of Mr. Demas, the House adjourned until Saturday, January 25, 1879, at 11:30 a. m.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Seventeenth Day's Proceedings.

H. USE OF REPRESENTATIVES, State o Louisiona, New Orleans, Saturday, January 25, 1879. year 1878 may be enforced and collected.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That all Speaker at 11:30 a. m. Present: The House was called to order by the Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messis, Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Bileu, Board, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Coleman, Cordill, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Ducote, Durio, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Guidry, Gordon, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Wise, Young.

Seventy-three members and a quorum.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tardy.

The adoption of the journal was postponed until Monday.

On the motion of Mr. Walton,

House bill No. 100,

"Joint Resolution to adjust the indemnity due to the State of Louisiana, accruing from sale of swamp lands by the general government."

Was taken up.

And on his further motion, under a suspension of the rules, the substitute was read and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 157,

"An act to adjust the indemnity due to the State of Louisiana, accruing from the sale of swamp lands by the general government local officers since 1849 and 1850; to obtain from the general government the final adjustment of the Houma conflicting claims, the settlement of all controversies in regard to shallow lakes, etc.; to appoint an agent, appropriate \$2500, and fix the compensation and declare the disposition of said funds."

Under a further suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that the rules be suspended so as to take up

Senate bill No. 5, entitled

"An act to incorporate the New Orleans Board of Underwriters,"

And to place the same on its first and second readings, with a view of its reference to the Committee on Corporations.

The motion was carried and the bill was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Smart, for Mr. Bridger, chairman Committee on Eurollment, reported as properly enrolled,

House bill No. 78,

"An act to provide for supplying the loss of public records and other papers consumed by the burning of the court-house in the parish of Jackson."

Mr. Ryland called up

House bill No. 44,

"An act to provide for the establishment of boards of medical examiners in the country parishes; to define their powers, and to punish by fines or imprisonment, or both, any person who shall be found practicing medicine or assuming the duties of a physician without a certificate of qualification from said board of medical examiners."

The bill was taken up on its second reading. On the motion of Mr. Ryland the following

amendment was adopted:

In section 3, after the words "medical school of New Orleans," strike out the words "from any other competent medical authority" and insert "from any other incorporated medical college."

JOINT SESSION.

A message having been received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, to ballot for a United States Senator,

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Messis, Benners, Delahoussaye, Ducros, Fontenot, Garland, Harding, Herron, Kelly, Kenner, Mitchell, Norwood, Perkins, Sandiford, Scanland, Steven, Stubbs, Sutton, Texada, Wailes, Wheeler, Williams, Zacharie.

Twenty-one Schators present.

The roll of the House being called, the following named members answered to their names:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenu, Board, Bower. Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cordill, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Du-ote, Durio, Frazier, Gordon Hammond, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Martin of St. Landry, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schump et, Taylor, Torrey, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Young.

Sixty-nine members present.

The following nominations were made:

John Yoist.

L. B. Watkins,

F. S. Goode.

J. McCall.

B. A. Martel.

The roll of the Senate was called, when

Senators Ducros, Kelly, Mitchell, Sandiford and Scanland voted for the Hon, L. B. Watkins -5 votes.

Senators Kenner, Norwood, Steven, Stubbs, Texada, Wheeler and Zacharie voted for the Hon. F. S. Goode 7 votes.

Senators Fontenot, Garland, Herron, Walles and Williams voted for the Hon, B. A. Martel -5 votes.

Senator Perkins voted for the Hon, H. L. Garland-1 vote.

Senator Sutton voted blank.

The roll of the House was called, when

Messrs. Barthelmy, Bourgeois, Carville, Como, Davidson of Iberville, Decuir, Ducote, Hawkins, Murrell. Veazey and Warmoth voted for the Hon. John Yoist-11 votes.

Messrs. Moneure, Allen, Armstrong, Carter, Hammond, Hay, Hightower, Jones, Lott, Nealey, Renwick, Ross and Stechmann voted for the Hon. L. B. Watkins-13 votes.

Messrs. Billieu, Board, Brown of Jefferson, Coleman, Demas, Fitzgerald, Holzhalb, Liddell, Lyons, Martin of Claiborne, Mixon, Nettles, Potts, Reauey, Ryland, Smart, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Schumpert, Taylor, Weightman and Young voted for the Hon. F. S. Goode-22 votes.

Messrs, Arnauld, Gordon and McKee voted for J. McCall-3 votes.

Messrs. Brent, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Coco, Durio, Guidry, Gubernator, Martin of St. Landry, O'Bryan, Robeson and Vidrine voted for Hon. B. A. Martell-11 votes.

Messrs. Bower and Rabouin voted for Hon. Louis Texada-2 votes.

Messrs. Cordill, Jenkins, Marquez, Redon, Scott and Walton voted for Mr. L. Christ-

6 votes. Messrs. Munday and McElroy voted for Hon. L. A. Wiltz-2 votes.

Messrs, Lauer, Scratchley and Torrey voted for Hon. J. C. Moncure-3 votes.

Messrs. Hite, Landry and Sharp voted blank-3 votes.

The President announced that there had been no election.

On the motion of Mr. Perkins the Senate withdrew.

AFTER JOINT SESSION.

The consideration of

House bill No. 44,

"An act to provide for the establishment of Boards of Medical Examiners in the country parishes; to define their powers, and to punish by fines or imprisonment, or both, any person who shall be found practicing medicine, or assuming the duties of a physician, without a certificate of qualification from said Board of Medical Examiners,"

Was resumed, being the unfinished business of the House before joint session.

The special order of the day being called for at 12:30, Mr. Ryland moved that the special order be postponed for lifteen minutes.

By a rising vote of 15 yeas to 32 nays the House refused to postpone the special order.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The special order of the day for this day at 12:30 p. ru., being

House bill No. 108,

"An act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, 1879, and to exempt the moneys appropriated to the Charty Hospital from seizure,"

Was taken up on its second reading.

On the motion of Mr. Murrell the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House for the purpose of considering the above entitled bill.

[Mr. Lyons in the chair.]

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The committee of the whole House, on rising, reported through its chairman that the committee had considered House bill No. 108, the general appropriation bill, in detail, and had agreed upon sundry amendments. They recommend the adoption of the said amendments and the passage of the bill as so amended.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons the amendments recommended by the committee of the whole were adopted, and the bill as amended was adopted as a whole, reading as follows:

House bill No. 108,

An act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State government for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and to exempt the moneys appropriated to the Charity Hospital from seizure, to make certain warrants receivable for licenses and taxes due the general fund, and providing for the accounts of certain State officers.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the following purposes, for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.
For the satary of the Governor, eight thous-

and dollars, \$8,000.

For the salary of the Lieutenant Governor, three thousand dollars, \$3,000.

For the salary of the Governor's private secretary, twenty-two hundred dollars, \$2,200. For the salary of the Governor's messen-

ger and porter, for both, seven hundred and twenty dollars, \$720.

For the Governor's clerk, during the session of the General Assembly, three hundred dollars, \$300.

For the alary of the Secretary of State,

three thousand dollars, \$3000.
For the salary of the Assistant Secretary of

State, two thousand dollars, \$2000.

For the salary of the porter of Secretary of State, four hundred and eighty dollars, \$480. For the salary of the State Librarian, nine hundred dollars, \$900.
For the salary of the Assistant State Li-

brarian, six hundred dollars, \$600.

For the salary of the Attorney General, five thousand dollars, \$5000.

For the salary of the Assistant

Attorney General, three thousand dollars \$3000. For the salary of the clerk of the Attorney

General, fifteen hundred dollars, \$1500. For printing and costs of court, where the State is obliged to pay, the same to be drawn on warrant of the Attorney General, seven

hundred and fifty dollars, \$750.

For the salary of the Auditor of the State,

five thousand dollars, \$5000.

For the salary of Auditor's chief clerk, three

thousand dollars, \$3000.

For the salary of Auditor's book-keeper, two thousand dollars, \$2000.

For the salary of Auditor's assistant bookkeeper, eighteen hundred dollars, \$1800.

For the Auditor's two assistant book-keepers, fifteen hundred dollars each, three thousand dollars, \$3000.

For the salary of Auditor's tax and assessment roll clerk, fifteen hundred dollars, \$1500.

For Auditor's register and warrant clerk, seventeen hundred and fifty dollars, \$1750.

For the Auditor's messenger and porter, seven hundred and twenty dollars, for both, \$720.

For the salary of the State Treasurer, five

thousand dollars, \$5000.

For salary of the State Treasurer's chief clerk, twenty-five hundred dollars, \$2500.

For the salary of State Treasurer's book-

keeper, two thousand dollars, \$2000. For the salary of the State Treasurer's two assistant clerks, fifteen hundred dollars each,

three thousand dollars, \$3000.

For the salary of the Register of the Land

Office, fifteen hundred dollars, \$1500. For the salary of the Keeper of the State

House, six hundred dollars, \$600.

For the salary of the Registrar of Voters, city of New Orleans, twenty-four hundred dollars, \$2400.

For the salary of the clerks of the Registrar Voters, in the city of New Orleans, in case an election, forty-six hundred and eighty

dollars, \$4680. For contingent expenses of the Governor, five thou-and dollars, \$5000.

For contingent expenses of the Auditor, two

thousand dollars, \$2000. For contingent expenses of the State Treas-

urer, one thousand dollars, \$1000.

For contingent expenses of the Secretary of State, fifteen hundred dollars, \$1500.

For contingent expenses of the State Librarian, five hundred dollars, \$500,

For contingent expenses of the Supreme Court, seven hundred and fifty dollars, \$750.

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT.

For salary of the judges of the Supreme

Court, thirty-five thousand five hundred dollars, \$35,500.

For the salary of the judges of the district courts, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, \$120,000.

For the salary of parish judges, seventy seven thousand five hundred dollars, \$77,500.

For the salary of district attorneys, twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, \$27,500. For the salary of the reporter of the Su-

preme Court, twenty-five hundred dollars, \$2500.

For the salary of the interpreter of the First District Court parish of Orleans, one thousand dollars, \$1000

MISCELLANEOUS.

For the salary of the Adjutant General and contingent expenses of his office, three thousand dollars, \$3000.

Appropriation for insane asylum at Jackson, forty thousand dollars, \$40,000; ten thousand dollars of which shall be used for necessary repairs, furniture and blankets.

Appropriation for insane asylum at New Orleans, eight thousand dollars, \$8000.

Appropriation for the State institution for

the blind, ten thousand dollars, \$10,000. Appropriation for the State institute for the deaf and dumb—for maintenance of same, ten thousand dollars, \$10,000; for first installment on building purchased under Joint Resolution No. 18, extra session of 1878, twenty-five hundred dollars, \$2500, and for repairs to same, twenty-five hundred dollars, \$2500—in all the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, \$15,000.

Appropriation to pay veterans, ten thousand dollars, \$10,000.

Appropriation for all State printing, of every kind, including the books and blanks necessary for the various State departments, for the assessment and collection books, for the publication of the delinquent tax rolls, and for all other work necessary to be done, forty-two thousand dollars, \$42,000-thirtyfive thousand dollars thereof for the State Printer, and seven thousand dollars for country papers, for publishing delinquent tax lists.

Appropriation for printing general laws in French and German, twelve hundred dol-

lars, \$1200.

Appropriation for keeper of State-House grounds in Baton Rouge, three hundred dollars, \$300.

Appropriation to the Register of Convey New Orleans, for furnishing ances, New Orleans, for furnishing to the Board of State Assessors certificates of transfer, one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, \$1000.

Compensation to assessors, city and parish of Orleans, two thousand eight hundred and forty dollars and ninety-four cents, \$2,840 94. Compensation to parish assessors, eight

thousand four hundred dollars, \$8400. Appropriation for gas in State-House, four

hundred dollars, \$400.

Appropriation for the support of the Charity Hospital of the city of New Orleans, sixty thousand dollars, forty thousand dollars of which is to be drawn only in the event that no more revenue be derived for the present year from Louisiana State Lottery, \$60,000.

Appropriation for the Charity Hospital at

Shreveport, \$10,000.

That the warrants which may be issued to the Charity Hospitals in New Orleans and Shreveport, to the Insane Asylums at Jackson and New Orleans, the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and for the Blind, in Baton Ronge, shall be receivable for all taxes and ficenses due the general fund, and that said warrants shall be issued at the commencement of each and every quarter.

Appropriation to pay State-House En-

gineer, twelve innudred dollars, \$1200.

Appropriation to pay recorders for recording lists of forfeited lands for non-payment of taxes for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, two thousand dollars, \$2000.

Appropriation for military purposes, twenty-seven thousand two hundred dollars; seventeen thousand two hundred dollars, \$17,200, for the arming, equipment and maintenance of the State militia and volunteer force, and ten thousand dollars, \$10,000, to be reserved and used by the Governor in case the mititia should be called into active service, for their maintenance in the field, \$27,200.

Appropriation for reimbursement of moneys paid into the treasury through error, two

thonsand dollare, \$2000.

SPECIAL FUND.

Appropriation for the support of the Charity Hospital, New Orleans, from the annual revenues derived from the Louisiana State Lottery, forty thousand dollars, \$40,000.

Appropriation for the support of the same from licenses upon auctioneers and auction

sales, ten thousand dollars, \$10,000.

Appropriation for the support of the same from inspection fees derived from the slaughtering of animals, under the slaughter-house act, eight thousand four hundred dollars, or so much of any additional sum as may be collected, \$8400.

Appropriation for the support of the same from the poll tax, all of said tax not required by the constitution to go to the education fund, or as much as may be collected.

CURRENT SCHOOL FUND.

For salary of State Superintendent of Public

Education, five thousand dollars, \$5000.

For salary of the Chief Superintendent of the Public Schools of New Orleans, three

thousand dollars, \$3000.

For salary of the secretary of the State Superintendent of Public Education, and other expenses of the office, two thousand dollars, \$2000.

For compensation to assessors for city and parish of Orleans, two thousand two hundred and seventy-two dollars and seventy-two cents, \$2272 72.

For compensation to parish assessors, seven

thousand dollars, \$7000.

For the support of free public schools, three hundred thousand dollars, or as much as may be collected for the State tax levied for that purpose, \$300,000.

INTEREST TAX FUND.

For compensation to parish assessors, nineteen thousand dollars, \$19,000.

For compensation to assessors, city and parish of Orleans, six thousand two hundred and for y-nine dollars and ninety-eight cents, \$6249 98.

For contingent expenses of the Board of Liquidation, five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, \$5000.

OUT OF GENERAL ENGINEER FUND.

For the salary of the State Engineer, thirtyix hundred dollars, \$3600.

For the salary of two assistant State engineers, at three thousand dollars each, \$6000. For the salary of the clerk of the engineer's department, fifteen hundred dollars, \$1500.

For the salary of the draughtsman of engineer's department, thirteen hundred and

eighty dollars, \$1380.

For the salary of the assistant draughtsman of the Engineer's Department, twelve hun-

dred dollars, \$1200.

For the salary of the porter of the Engineer's Department, three hundred dollars, \$300. Appropriation for contingent expenses,

traveling expenses, axmen, chainmen, etc., of the Engineer's Department, thirty-six hundred dollars, \$3600.

For stationery, drawing paper, utensils and instruments, five hundred dollars, \$500.

Appropriation for coast survey maps, out of unexpended balance, two hundred dollars,

\$200.

For compensation to assessors, city and parish of Orleans, eleven hundred and thirtysix dollars and thirty-six cents, \$1136-36.

For compensation to parish assessors, three thousand five hundred dollars, \$3500.

OUT OF GENERAL FUND.

Appropriation to legal heirs of vacant estates, paid into the treasury, two thousand dollars, \$2000.

Appropriation to pay day and night watchmen of the State-House, three hundred dol-

lars, \$300.

Appropriation for reimbursement of swamp and State lands, erroneously sold, five thousand dollars, \$5000.

Appropriation to pay registrars of voters, and their clerks, in country parishes in case of election, twenty-two thousand dollars, \$22,000.

Appropriation to pay rent of armories, eighteen hundred dollars, \$1800.

For salary of State Armorer, one thousand dollars, \$1000.

For salary of porter of Attorney General's

office, four hundred dollars, \$400. For salary of clerk of Secretary of State's office, five hundred and sixty dollars, \$560. For contingent expenses Attorney General's office, fifteen hundred dollars, \$1500.

OUT OF THE FREE SCHOOL FUND.

Appropriation for the reimbursement of school lands erroneously sold, two thousand dollars, \$2000.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That all sums of money hereinbefore appropriated to the Caarity Hospital in New Orleans shall be drawn and disbursed by the Board of Administrators of said hospital alone, and said moneys shall be exempt from seizure under judicial process from the courts.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That an account shall be kept and rendered of all moneys expended on account of contingent expenses, and vouchers produced of each item of expenditure, by the official to the credit of whom the several appropriations are made; that said accounts and vouchers shall be submitted to the next General Assembly, and like accounts shall be rendered by the Governor of the appropriation hereinbefore made.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws, and parts of laws, in conflict with this act, be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Mr. Pope moved that the bill be considered engrossed.

Pending which motion Mr. Carville offered the following amendment:

"Reinstate lines 69, 70, 71 and 72, stricken out in committee of the whole."

The motion to amend was lost

Mr. Ryland moved to reconsider the vote by which the House adopted the amendment of the committee of the whole in lines 227, 228 and 229.

Mr. Brent moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

On this motion Mr. Ryland called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

yeas and hays, with the following result:

Yeas—Speaker Moneure and Messrs. Arnauld, Barthelmy, Breut, Bienvenu, Board,
Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Carter,
Carville, Coco, Como, Cordill, Davidson of
Iberville, Decuir, Durio, Fitzgerald, Guidry,
Gordon, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins,
Hill, Hite, Jeffries, Jones, Lauer, Lott, Marquez, Munday, McElroy, Nealey, Nettles,
O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Rabouin, Reaney,
Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Sharp, Scratchley,
Stechmann, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Vidrine, Walton, Warmoth,
Welsh, Wise, Young—56.

pert, Taylor, Vidrine, Walton, Warmoth, Welsh, Wise, Young—56.
Nays—Messrs. Allen, Billieu, Hay, Hightower, Holzhalb, Landry, Liddell, Lyons, Martin of Claiborne, Ryland, Smart, Smith of Jackson, Torrey, Vance—14.

The motion to lay upon the table was carried.

On the motion of Mr. Pope the bill was considered as engrossed, and under a suspension of the rules was read a third time and passed. The title was amended and adopted.

Mr. Lyons moved that the vote on the final passage of the bill be reconsidered, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was

laid on the table. On the motion of Mr. Jeffries the postponement of the approval of the journal of the twenty-fourth was reconsidered, and the journal for that day was adopted as corrected.

On the motion of Mr. Billieu

House bill No. 96,

"An act to repeal act No. 5 of the extra session of 1878, to create a board of State engineers," etc.,

Was taken up and assigned as the special order of the day for Monday, January 27, at

To'clock p. m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Jeffries, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Rooms Committee on Ways and Means, New Orleans, January 25, 1879

To the Honorable Speaker and Memb is of the House of Representatives:

whom was referred House bill No. 135, beg to return said bill without action, as the subject therein is covered by House bill No. 156, re-ported by this committee.

I am directed by the committee to report by

bil,
"An act to amend and re-cnact sections 5"
"An act to amend and re-cnact sections 5" providing an annual assessment in the parish of Orleans.

I am further instructed to return House bill No. 136 without action, the subject matter being covered by the bill now introduced by the committee.

I am also instructed by the committee to report untavorably on House bill No. 129.

Very respectfully, JAMES JEFFRIES, Chairman.

The report was received.

And on the motion of Mr. Jeffries, under a suspension of the rules, the above entitled original bill was read and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 159,

"An act to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 7 of act No. 96, extra session of 1877, and providing an annual assessment in the parish of Orleans."

Under a further suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading, and was made the special order of the day for Tuesday, the twenty-eighth, immediately after joint session.

Mr. Billieu, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, submitted the following report:

Rooms Committee on Elections and Q alifications New Orleans, January 24, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Elections and Qualifications beg leave to report that they have fully considered the evidence submitted to them in the contested case of H. E. Gilmore vs. H. C. Warmoth, and find that it establishes the title of H. C. Warmoth to a seat in this House of Representatives for the parish of Plaquemines, and respectfully submit the

accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That H. C. Warmoth be and is hereby declared legally entitled to a seat in the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana as a Representative of the parish of Plaquemines.
J. S. BILLIEU, Chairman.

Also, the following report was submitted by Mr. Billieu, chairman, on behalf of the

Committee on Elections and Qualifications: ROOMS COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND

Qualifications New Orleans, January 24, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the Hous of Representatives:

Your committee to whom was referred contested election case of John Taylor vs. S. F. Parmelee, beg leave to report that they have examined the law in reference to the House of Representatives:
Your Committee on Ways and Means, to S. F. Parmelee to a seat in this House as a Representative of the twelfth ward, parish of Orleans. Your committee, therefore, sub-

Tricalls. Your commutee, therefore, submit the accompanying resolution;

Resolved, That S. F. Parmelee be and is hereby declared legally entitled and confirmed in his sent in the House of Representatives of this General Assembly of the State. of Louisiana, as a Representative of the tweifth ward and Twelfth Representative District, parish of Orleans

J. S. BILLEU, Chairman.

Mr. Pope, for Mr. Sharp, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Penitentlary, submitted the following report:

C MMITTEE ON PENITENFIARY, ROOMS OF C MMITTEE ON PENELS AND NEW OCCUPANS, January 24, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Memb is of the House of R-pr sentitives:

Your Committee on the State Penitentiary, to whom was referred House bill No. 143, entitled

"An act to authorize the lessees of the State Penitentiary to anticipate the payment of rents owing and to become due," Have the honor to report favorably on

same, with an amendment, as follows:

Section 2 amended by adding to the same at the end, the words "Payable out of the general funds."

All of which we most respectfully submit. W. J. SHARP, Chairman.

Mr. Smart, for Mr. Bridger, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported as follows:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of R presentatives:

Your Committee on Engrossment and Enrollment beg leave to report as correctly enrolled

House bill No. 11, entitled "An act to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled 'An act to provide for supplying the loss of the public records and other papers consumed by the burning of the courthouse in the parish of Winn during the mouth of February, 1868.

E. E. SMART, Chairman.

Mr. Lott, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Public Education, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Repr. sentatives:

I am instructed by the Committee on Public Education to report—

Joint Resolution

"Providing for correction in the enumera-tion of youths in certain parishes of Louisiana.

And ask that the same be taken up and

passed.

H. R. LOTT, Chairman.

ROOMS OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND New Or eans, January 24, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Mombers of the

House of Roprosentatives:

Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 92, entitled "An act to incorporate the Board of Trade of the city of New Orleans,'

Beg leave to report favorably on said bill, with amendments.

Very respectfully, ALPH, RABOUIN, Jr., Chairman.

Mr. Hill, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on City Affairs, submitted the following report:

ROOMS SPECIAL COMMITTEE : N CITY AFFAIRS, (Now Or cans, January 24, 1879.

To the Henorable Speaker and Ma obers of the House of Representatives:

Your Special Committee on City Affairs, having had under consideration

House bill No. 38, entitled

An act to provide for the speedy collection of State taxes and licenses, city taxes and licenses in the parish of Orleans; to provide for the jurisdiction of the district courts and divest justices' courts of jurisdiction in tax and license cases; relative to the duties of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney Gen-eral and the State Auditor, prescribing certain duties and fees; relative to the remission of penalties and forfeitures; the receipt of evidences of debt for licenses and taxes, and the duties of the civil sheriff for the parish of One ans in the collection of taxes,

Beg leave to report favorably on the same

Favorably, by substitute, on House bill No. 74, entitled

"An act to provide additional regulations for the government of the city of New Or-leans," etc.

Favorably, with amendments, on House bill No. 59, entitled

"An act authorizing the Registrar of Voters of the parish of Orleans to employ a clerk and porter, and fixing compensation. J. D. HILL, Chairman.

Mr. Taylor submitted the following minority report:

To the Honor ble Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The undersigned, a member of the Committee on City Affairs, differing in opinion from the majority of said committee in regard to House bill No. 74, begs leave to submit this, his report, and the following reasons:

First—That the substitute is wholly at vari-

ance with the important and esssential features of House bill No. 74

Second—While I am of opinion that the substitute provides for a reduction of the expenses of the government, the time of realization of the benefits thereof to the citizens and taxpayers of the city of New Orleans has been fixed at such a remote period that the consummation of its provisions and benefits are, in my opinion, extremely doubtful. The substitute in one section declares that three departments of the now existing seven departments of the city government are superfluous and unnecessary; by the abolishment of said three departments, and the duties and powers now vested in said three departments are transferred to and distributed among the remaining four departments.

In another section it is declared that the salaries now paid to the Mayor and the several heads of departments are too high, and provides for a reduction thereof to a reason-

able standard

But to counteract and in effect nullify the

above recited provisions the enacting clause declares that this condition of affairs shall continue until the next general election, which will, in all probability, take place in November, 1880.

As these evils which the substitute proposes to correct exist, they should be corrected at once. It is competent for this Legislature to

that I will be sustained by a very large majority of the etizens of New Orleans in that opinion, that the present system, known as the "Bureau System." has been the most expensive—at leas., if not the most expensive, certainly the most unsatisfactory—system, considering the corresponding benefits, yet tried.

I am also of the opinion, as is provided and expressed in House bill No. 74, presented by myself, that a system of government should be established and inaugurated which would fully and distinctly separate the executive from the legislative departments of the gov-ernment; that aldermen should be elected from the different wards or districts to constitute a Board of Aldermen, and who should serve without compensation; that three or serve without compensation, that three or four executive officers, who should be reason-ably compensated, should be elected by the voters of the city at large, to execute the laws and administer the government, under the direction of the Board of Aldermen, which Board of Aldermen alone should have the power to originate and pass ordinances, resolutions, etc.

Entertaining these views I could hardly be expected to support the substitute in its prosent form, and therefore decline to accept the report of the majority, recommending the passage of the substitute. For these reasons, as a minority, I report in favor of the original House bill No. 74, and recommend its passage.

I have the honor to be your obedient serant,

J. D. TAYLOR, vant,

Of Committee on City Affairs.

The above entitled "Substitute for House bill No. 38" was taken up under a suspension of the rules and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 160,

"An act to provide for the speedy collection of State taxes and licenses, city taxes and licenses in the parish of Orleans; to provide for jurisdiction of the district courts, and divest justices' courts of jurisdiction in tax and license cases; relative to the duties of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, tax collectors and the State Auditor; prescribing certain duties and fees relative to the remission of penalties and forfeitures; the receipt of evidences of debt for licenses and taxes, and the duties of the civil sheriff for the parish of Orleans in the collection of taxes."

Under a further suspension of the rules the bill was placed upon its second reading, and made the special order of the day for Tuesday, the twenty-eighth, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Mr. J. D. Hammond, chairman, on behal of the Committee on Contingent Expenses to whom House bill and a substitute therefo were recommitted, reported as follows:

Unfavorably on the substitute, and favor ably on House bill No. 102, with the following

changes to-wit:

Insert in section 1, line 2, the word "thirty instead of the word "sixty"; and in line 18 same section, insert in words and figures "lifty-five thousand (\$55,000) dollars" instead of the words and figures "eighty-five thous and (\$85,000) dollars.

In section 2, line 2, insert the word "seven teen" instead of the words "twenty-two."

In section 3, line 2, insert "thirty-eight" in stead of the words "sixty-three," and in lin 3, same section, insert the words "fifty-five in lien of the words "eighty-five.

In section 8, lines 6 and 7, insert the word and figures "fifty-five thousand (\$55,000) dol lars" in lieu of the words and figures "eighty

five thousand (\$85,000) dollars.

And in view of the short time remaining fo the transaction of business of this General Assembly, your committee recommend that this bill, as amended, pass as early as practi cable.

Respectfully, J. D. HAMMOND, Chairman.

The report was received, and on the motio of Mr. Hammond the above entitled House bill No. 102 was made the special order of th day for Monday, January 27, at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Hammond, chairman of the House join committee to investigate the accounts of th State Printer, presented the following report which was ordered to be printed in the jour

Booms of Special Joint Committee to Investigate Accounts of the State Printer, New Orleans, January 25, 1879

To the Honorables the President of the Secate the Speaker of the H use of Representatives, and Members of the Zeneral As sembly:

Your Special Joint Committee, appointed t investigate the accounts of the State Printer, under the following concurrent resolu tion of your respective bodies, to wit:

"Resolved, That a special joint committee of the House and Schate be appointed by the presiding officer of each body, to be composed of five members of the House an three members of the Senate, whose dutie it shall be to investigate the accounts of the State Printer for the year 1878, and tascertain what exact amount is due to sai State Printer; said joint committee to hav power to send for persons and papers, an to that end they are hereby vested wit the power of compulsory process,

the power of compulsory process,
Beg leave to report that, after a clos
examination of witnesses, most of whor
were experts in printing and job boo
printing work, to wit: Col. Gerard Stift
foreman of the New Orleans Picanan
news room, and J. S. Walker, of the New
Orleans Picanans inherities a practical io Orleans Picayune job office, a practical jo printer of thirty years' experience, hav

come to the following conclusions:
That the State of Louisiana, through th Printing Board organized under act No. 49 c 77, and composed of the Governor, Lieuten-at Governor, Speaker of the House of Repreentatives, two members of the House of resentatives and two members of the Senate, d, on the third day of December, 1877, enter the a written contract before W. J. Castell, notary public in this city, with George W. upre, of the New Orleans DEMOCRAT, said W. Dupre having been elected State rinter by said Printing Board, as provided

or by said act No. 49 of 1877. This contract, under section 2 of said act o. 49, was for a period of one year, or until

nother contract could go into effect.

The Printing Board, at a meeting held on r about the thirtieth of November, 1877, eccived and adopted the following report hade by a committee of two members of aid board (which committee had been apointed by said board), as follows, to wit: NEW ORLEANS, November 30, 1877.

President and Members State Printing

Ir. Pre. Board:

Gentlemen—Your "committee on prices" eg leave to submit for your consideration he accompanying exhibit, showing the prices llowed the Public Printer under former adninistrations, as well as those allowed by xisting laws, the figures kindly furnished by several able and experienced job printers, ogether with the deductions of your commit-

ee in the matter

In submitting their report your committee lesire to say that their estimate is calculated on a strict cash basis, and any advance on the rices so fixed, which may be proper to make n the event that the State should be unable to bay in cash, they prefer to leave to the judgnent and discretion of the board as a whole.

Your committee, in closing their report, desire to return thanks to Mr. F. Limet, of the Bee, and Messrs. V. Mauberret, Lewis Braham, F. F. Hansell and William J. Hammond, practical printers, for the valuable inormation and assistance so cheerfully ex-ended by these gentlemen to them.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS LEONHARD. J. M. LAMARE.

Your committee find that the State of Lou-siana, through its agents, "the Printing Board," has not complied with the plain condition of the contract entered into with the said State Printer, to wit: the strict cash

basis. Your committee find that instead of \$42,000 cash, which he should have received under the contract at various times as the work was delivered, the State Printer has received only nineteen hundred dollars in cash, and has now in his possession \$40,100 of Auditor's warrants, issued to him from the twenty-fifth of March, 1878, to the last day of October,

Your committee find that of all the bills rendered by the State Printer for work duly ordered by the various heads of the Executive Department and by both branches of the General Assembly, only one was at all questioned, that one being a bill for printing and binding legislative documents of 1878, in a separate volume, under section 2613, Revised Statutes. This bill your committee lave thoroughly examined. Your committee called in experts, Mesonra Council Stith and John S. Walker Messrs. Gerard Stith and John S. Walker who testified to the correct measurement of this work.

Your committee find that the State Printer was instructed by the proper head of one of the Executive Departments, to wit: the Secretary o State, to execute said work.

Your committee find that the State Printer acted properly in executing said work, being so instructed by the Secretary of State.

Mr. H. W. Green, a printer, appeared before

your committee on a subpoena.

Every charge brought by this witness, Green, was disproved by the evidence of the experts, Messrs. Sith and Walker, as well as by the contradictions and prevarieations of the witness himself when subjected to a close examination.

Your committee believe that this witness Green was procured to give the evidence he did, as proof of which it is only necessary to quote portions of his evidence given under

oath before your committee.

Question—Mr. Green, under what circumstances did you obtain information as to that book ["Legislative Documents of 1878"] about which you have brought charges of fraud against the State Printer before two separate grand juries?
Answer-I was there with it. I saw it.

was working on it.

Question-So that whatever knowledge you may have of what was being done in the employed there; you got your knowledge there? DEMOCRAT office was obtained while you were

Answer-As a workman I did.

Question—As a workman you did? Answer—Yes, certainly; there's no use denying that.

Question-How came you to bring charges against the State Printer based upon the prices charged for this work?

Answer-I didn't bring any charges; the

bill was brought to me.

Question—By whom?
Answer—That's a private matter.

Question I insist upon the witness answering the question.

Answer—I can't recollect.
Question—Can't you refresh your memory?
Answer—Well, if you don't want to use this
against me in a criminal prosecution, I'll tell

you how I got it.

Answer-I have no desire to prosecute you. Now, even after this assurance that he would not be criminally prosecuted, the witness dodged for a full hour the question which at first he had promised to answer. Further on during the investigation the following occurred:

Question-Did you furnish evidence before the grand jury that this book [Legislative Documents of 1878] does not contain a single page of minion type, and because of long primer being used the State Printer made many more pages than should have been in the book?

Answer—Well, my opinion of the matter is, that the law of 1856 [sections 1557, 1558, 1559, 2611, 2612, 2613 Revised Statutes] was never conformed with, and it was not the intention of that act to have the reports of committees printed, nor any such trash furnished to the Legislature; this is my theory Question—Is that your real opinion before this committee?

Answer-Yes.

Question-And upon that theory you would base an accusation of fraud against the State Printer?

Answer-No, sir, I didn't do it; other people row, of the Democrat, all practical printers

had something to do with it.

Thus, twice had the witness almost categorically acknowledged that some other persons had taken a hand with him against the State Printer. When being closely pressed the witness sullenly set at defiance the authority of your committee, as is made clear by the following extract from his evidence:

Question -Mr. Green, who instigated you to the prosecution of the State Printer?

Answer-Myself.

Question—Did you not swear before the Third District Court that if the man who instigated you to do that had not the courage or the manhood to come forward you would not name him?

Answer-I did.

Question—Give his name? Answer—I decline to do so.

Your committee, in view of the fact that the examination of this witness disclosed his splenetic and malicious motives, and that it was mainly on his exparte evidence that two grand juries had reported charges of fraud against the State Printer, that from beginning to end his t-stimony, as well in his manner as in what he uttered, created a strong impression that he had acted the role of a swift witness before the grand juries for which purpose others had procured him—your committee, as afores ild, were extremely desirous of forcing the witness to disclose the names of his accompiles; the more so because every statement of this witness as to the alleged fraudulent charges in the bill of the State Printer, were proven to be untrue by the concurring depositions before your committee of Messrs. Stith and Walker, of the Picayune, and Mr. Barrow, foreman of the Democrat job printing office.

Your committee, therefore, pressed the witness Green. He, when cornered, flatly refused to give the names of those who had induced him to thus swear against the State Printer. When your committee brought the witness before the bar of the House, charged with contumacy, this action was in concharged formity with a unanimous vote of your com-The House thought best to release mittee. the witness. Thus your committee were forced to abandon the most promising branch of their investigation. It was Green and others who had accused the State Printer of fraudulent charges in a certain bill. When your committee, in examining this alleged fraudulent bill, brought Green before them to indicate the fraud, he failed. Your committee naturally attempted to bring the other parties, who Green acknowledged to have acted with him, before them, that they be given a fair opportunity to prove the fraud Green had failed to establish. This, and only this, was the object of your committee in endeavoring to force Green to disclose the names of the person or persons who, together with himself, had pro-cured the grand jury of this parish to charge the State Printer with fraud. Your committee would remark here that Green was the sole witness who appeared to testify against the State Printer. His evidence as an expert was flatly contradicted and overturned by that of the other experts summoned by the committee. Col. Stith and Mr. Walker, both of the Picayune, and Mr. Bar-

row, of the DEMOCRAT, all practical printers of great experience and recognized ability, whose estimate of the work differed but slightly if at all with the account rendered by the State Printer; whereas Green's estimate, admitted to be a matter of opinion simply as to what the State should pay, and not as to what the printing really measured, differed from their estimates very considerably. Aban-loning this branch of the investigation your committee repaired to the State Auditor's office, accompanied by an expert of their own selection, Mr. John S. Walker, and then and there proceeded to the examination of the vouchers of the State Printer on file in that office. With a copy of the printing law of 1877 (act No. 49 regular session) and a copy of the contract between the Printing Board and the State Printer before him, the expert. Mr. Walker, examined a large number of vouchers for printing done for the General Assembly and the various heads of the Executive Department, all in the presence of your committee. Your committee, from their own examination and that of the expert, Mr. Walker, have to report the accounts of the State Printer for 1878 perfectly correct.

As the result of their labor your committee have prepared a bill for the relief of the State Printer. Having found that the State of Louisiana, through the Printing Board, has failed to pay the State Printer on a cash basis, as had been understood between the contracting parties, and that the State Printer has now \$40,100 of warrants on the Treasury, upon which he has borrowed money at interest, involving a loss in that single item of \$5000; finding, moreover, that the State Printer is in possession of \$4050 of vonchers, duly approved by the proper State officers, for necessary printing, and duly certified as correct by the State Auditor, and after examining said vouchers, your committee finding them issued for necessary work, properly charged, recommend that the Auditor be authorized to Issue his warrants in payment of said vouchers, which amount is in excess of the appropriation made by the Legislature of

1878 for public printing.

All of which will be found in the relief bill which your committee beg leave to introduce herewith, recommending its passage.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. MI FOHELL,
Chairman on part of the Senate,
J. D. HAMMOND,
Cnairman on part of the House,
L. H. BOWDEN,
J. D. NETTLES,
W. C. ROSS,
S. F. PARMELEE.

I hereby coincide with the above report, save and except such parts as relates to the evidence of the witness, H. W. Green, which I consider should be stricken out, as having no bearing under the resolution creating this joint committee.

O. DELAHOUSSAYE, JR.

On the motion of Mr. Warmoth the report of the Committee on the Judiciary presented January 23, 1879, was taken up, and under a suspension of the rules one of the two original bills therein reported by said committee, was taken up, read and placed upon the calendar of the flouse, becoming

House bill No. 158.

"An act to amend and re-enact section 816 of the Revised Statutes."

The rules were suspended and the bill was placed upon its second reading.

On the motion of Mr. Hill, under a suspension of the rules, the following entitled

Senate bill No. 18,

"An act for the relief of Thomas H. Handy, late civil sheriff of the parish of Orleans, and to provide a mode of payment,"

Was taken up and made the special order of the day for Tuesday, January 28, immediately after the consideration of the special order, No. 96.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following messages were received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, State of Louisiana, Now Orleans, January 25, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bills originating in your honorable body, to

House bill No. 78, entitled

"An act to empower and authorize the Police Jury of the parish of West Baton Rouge to contract indebtedness for the purpose of building a court-house," etc. pose of building a court-house, House bill No. 115, entitled

"An act to amend act No. 34, to incorporate the town of Vidalia." Very respectfully

FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS, Governor of Louisiana.

EXECUTIVE DEFARTMENT, State of Louistana.
New Orleans, Jacuary 24, 1879.
To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed

House bill, entitled

'An act to provide for supplying the loss of public records and other papers consumed by the burning of the court-house in the parish of Jackson.

Very respectfully, FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS,

Governor of Louisiana.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 25, 1879. 1
To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives: am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed and

ask your concurrence in Senate bill No. 47, entitled

"An act to incorporate the town of Donaldsonville, to fix its boundaries, to provide for its government, and to create a mayor's court for same,"

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG. Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Hill moved to suspend the rules in order to take up House bill No. 58.

The House refused to suspend the rules.

Mr. Brown, of Jefferson, asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House a memorial from the citizens of the parish of Jefferson, right bank.

On the motion of Mr. Cordill, the House adjourned until Monday, January 27, at 11:30 a. m.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk

----Eighteenth Day's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.) State of Louisiana, New Orleans, Monday, January 27, 1879.

The House was called to order by the Speaker at 11:30 o'clock a.m. Present:

Speaker, C. J. C. Allen, Moncure, Hon. Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Billicu, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cordill, Cunningham, Davidson Arnauld, Barof Herville, Demas, Ducote, Durio, Fitz-gerald, Gearcy, Guidry, Hammond, Hasam. Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Jen-kins, Jones, Laudry, Lauer, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Munday, Murrell, McElres, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Erren, Pone, Edg. Rahmin, Pagnay, Re Militell, McElros, McRee, Nealey, Reddon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Sharp, Readon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Torrey, Vance, Vear Watson, Welsh, Wise.

Seventy-three members and a quorum.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tardy.

The consideration of the journal was postponed until 2 o'clock p. m. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Hite presented a petition from the Sisters of Charity in charge of the St. Vincent

Orphan Asylum. .

The rules were suspended and the petition was referred to the Committee on Public and Charitable Institutions.

The Speaker called the attention of the House to reports on the table, when, on the motion of Mr. Lyons, under suspension of the rules, the report of the Superintendent of Public Education was referred to the Committee on Education.

On his further motion the report of the Chief Superintendent of Public Schools was referred to the Committee on Education.

On his further motion the report of the State Auditor was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Attention was also called by the Speaker to a communication from the Governor respecting two manuscript reports received and held by him subject to the order of the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Lyons these reports were

referred, as follows:

Annual report of the Board of Administrators of the Charity Hospital, to the Committee on Public and Charitable Institutions.

The annual report of the president of the Baton Rouge, Gross Tete and Opelousas Railroad Company, to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Hite asked and obtained leave of the House to introduce a bill at this time.

The bill was read and ordered to be placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 161,

"An act to grant permits to religious or benevolent organizations for holding entertainments of a charitable nature."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was placed on its second reading and referred to the Committee on Fublic and Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Walton called up House bill No. 157,

"An act to adjust the indemnity due to the State of Louisiana, accruing from the sale of swamp lands by the general government local officers since 1849 and 1850; to obtain from the general government the final adjustment of the Houma conflicting claims, the settlement of all controversies in regard to shallow lakes, etc.; to appoint an agent, appropriate \$2500, and fix the compensation, and declare the diposition of said funds."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was considered engrossed.

Rules suspended.

The bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Walton moved that the vote by which this bill finally passed be reconsidered, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JOINT SESSION.

A message having been received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, to ballot for a United States Senator,

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Breaux, Benners, Bowden, Delahoussaye, Ducros, Ellis, Fontenet, Garland, Harding, Herron, Kelly, Kenner, Mitchell, Norwood, Perkins, Sandiford, Stubbs, Texada, Wailes, Williams, Zacharie.

Twenty Senators present.

The roll of the House being called, the fol- for David Hughes 6 votes.

lowing named members answered to their names:

Hon. J. C. Moneure, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, Armstroug, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Como, Coleman, Cordill, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Ducote, Durio, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Munday, Murrell, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Schumpert, Sharp, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh.

Sixty-nine members present.

The following nominations were made:

Thos. Overton.

John S. Billieu.

John Phelps.

Samuel M. Todd.

David Hughes.

The roll of the Senate was called, when

Senator Texada voted for the Hon. Thomas Overton—1 vote.

Senators Bowden, Ellis, Fontenot, Garland, Kelly, Kenner, Mitchell and Stubbs voted for the Hon. John S. Billieu—8 votes.

Senators Breaux, Ducros, Sandiford, Williams and Zacharie voted for Hon. John Phelps—5 votes.

Senator Wailes voted for Hon. Sam'l M. Todd—1 vote.

Senator Benner voted for Hon. David Hughes—1 vote.

Senators Harding, Herron and Norwood voted for Hon. Lewis Texada—3 votes.

The roll of the House was called, when

Messrs. Allen, Arnauld, Bienvenu, Carron, Durio, Frazier, Guidry, Hite, Jeffries, Jones, Lyous, Martin of St. Landry, Munday, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Smart, Schumpert, Vance, Vidrine and Welsh voted for the Hon. J. S. Billieu—22 votes.

Messrs. Barthelmy, Brent, Board, Brown of Jefferson, Coco, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Ducote, Hawkins, Hay, Landry and Murrell voted for the Hon. Thomas Overton -15 votes.

Messrs. Armstrong, Carter, Cordill, Gearey, Hightower, Jenkins, Lauer, Potts, Robeson, Ross, Smith of Jackson, and Walton voted for John Phelps—12 votes.

Messrs. Bower, Gubernator, Hammond, Hasam, Parmelee, Redon, Scratchley, Steele and Taylor voted for Hon. S. M. Todd—9 votes.

Messrs. Billieu, Fitzgerald, Hart, Holzhalb, Reaney, Stechmann and Weightman voted for David Hughes—6 votes.

Mr. Bridger voted for the Hon. F. Stubbs 1 vote.

Mr. Liddell voted for the Hon. T. C. Manning 1 vote.

Messrs. Marquez, Ryland and Torrey voted for the Hon, L. Texada 3 votes.

Mr. Sharp voted for the Hon. J. D. Hill-1 vote.

Mr. Warmoth voted for the Hon. L. A. WIItz-1 vote.

Total vote minety; necessary to a choice forty-stx.

The President announced that there had been no election.

On motion of Mr. Norwood the Senate withdrew.

AFTER JOINT SESSION.

The call of the roll was dispensed with.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, (New Orleans, January 27, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives

lam directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following:

Senate bill No. 91, entitled "An act to provide for the pro-rata payment of the interest tax fund to the holders of all compons of consolidated bonds," etc.

Senate bill No. 68, entitled "An act to enable the St. Charles Hotel Company to contract for a loan and to give proper security therefor."

Respectfully.

JOHN CLEGG. Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

On motion of Mr. Brent the following Senate bills were taken up on their first reading and, und r a suspension of the rules, were severally referred to committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 4,

"An act to fix the salaries of the Crescent City Police force of the city of New Orleans, and requiring the City Council to provide a special fund for the prompt payment of the same, and authorizing any person to proceed by writ of mandamus or injunction to carry out the provisions of this act."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill No. 8,

"An act to provide for the supplying the loss of public records and other papers consumed by the burning of the court-house in the parish of Grant."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill No. 23,

"An act for the relief of John H. Lamon. parish of East Baton Rouge."

To the Committee on Claims.

Senate bill No. 30,

"An act to amend and re-enact section 7 of

an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Jeannerette, in the parish of Iberia,"

To the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill No. 31, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact an act ap" proved February 16, 1878, entitled 'An act to amend and re-enact section 2667 of the Revised Statutes of 1870,' and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill No. 36,

"To authorize the wardens of the Church of St. Louis to transfer the property of said church to the Society of the oman Catholic Church for the diocese of New Orleans."

To the Committee on the Judiciary. Senate bill No. 43,

"To authorize the Police Jury of the parish of Therville to levy a special tax to pay its floating debt."

To the Committee on Parochial Affairs, with a petition offered by Mr. Brent.

Senate bill No. 46.

"To amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Providence."

To the Committee on Corporations. Senate bill No. 47,

"To incorporate the town of Donaldsonville; to fix its boundaries, provide for its government, and to create a mayor's court for the same."

To the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill No. 49, entitled

"An act to repeal section 3923 of the Revised Statutes of 1870."

To the Committee on the Judiciary. Senate bill No. 50.

"To amend the charter of the Crescent Mutual Insurance Company of New Orleans."

To the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill No. 54, entitled

"An act to incorporate the town of Franklin, in the parish of St. Mary."

To the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill No. 21, entitled

"An act to authorize the Police Jury of the parish of Morehouse to levy a special tax of four and one-half mills during the year 1879. and to make the outstanding indebtedness of said parish receivable in payment of the same."

Under a suspension of the rules this bill was passed to its second reading.

Senate bill No. 28,

"An act to authorize and empower the Police Jury of the parish of West Baton Rouge to scale, consolidate and bond the indebtedness of said parish,"

Was taken up under a suspension of the

rules, passed its several readings, and finally therefor, and to prescribe their duties and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Pope moved that the vote by which this bill finally passed be reconsidered, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 57,

"An act to amend and re-enact article 911 of the Code of Practice so as to give a reasonable delay within which petitions for rehearing may be filed in the country terms of the Supreme Court,"

Was taken up under a suspension of the rules, passed its several readings, and finally passed.

The title was adopted.

A reconsideration of the final vote on the passage of this bill was moved, and, on motion, the vote to reconsider was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 58, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact sections 6, 20 and 28 of act No. 37, entitled 'An act to incorporate Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railroad and Steamship Company; to expedite the extension, construction and maintenalize of a railroad between New Orleans, La., and the State of Texas, and between New Orleans, North Louisiana and Arkansas; to declare and define the powers and liabilities of said company; to grant the right of way for the construction of the road; to authorize the appropriation of lands," etc.

The bill was read, and under a suspension of the rules placed on its second reading. Under a further suspension of the rules, the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Hill moved to reconsider the vote on the final pasnage of this bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. Detiege gave notice that he would, at some future day, introduce

"An act to amend and re-enact section 20 of act No. 101, approved April 30, 1877, entitled 'An act to repeal act No. 155,' approved July 24, 1874,' etc.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The special order of the day being

House bill No. 96,

"An act to repeal act No. 5 of the extra session of 1878; to create a Board of State Engineers; to deline their powers and duties; to levy a tax of one mill for levee and public improvement purposes; to divide the State into levee districts; to provide for the appointment of Boards of Levee Commissioners

therefor, and to prescribe their duties and powers; to authorize the imposition of a district levee tax, not to exceed five mills on real estate and taxable property; to vest the control of levees and completed public works throughout the State in police juries, and to impose certain duties on the Governor of the State."

Was taken up on its second reading, on the favorable report of the Committee on Lands and Levees.

The amendments recommended by the committee January 21 having been previously adopted,

On the motion of Mr. Cordill the fourth section was amended by adding at the end thereof the words, "for levee taxes."

Section 5, on his further motion, was amended by adding at the end thereof the words, "for levee taxes."

Section 6 was so amended as to read as follows:

Be it further enacted, etc., That in order to provide for the works herein contemplated and contracted for under act No. 5, extra session of 1878, the Auditor is hereby directed to levy upon the assessment rolls of 1878, and annually thereafter, a tax of one mill of all taxable property of the State for levee purposes, the same to constitute and be known as the general engineer fund, and to be collected in the same manner as is provided for the collection of other taxes for the State, it being the intention of this act that the only general tax levied or collected shall be the one-mill tax already levied in the general revenue or other laws.

On motion of Mr. Bridger, the seventh section was amended in line 22 of the printed bill by inserting after the word "St. James," the following words, viz: "Part of East Baton Rouge, part of Iberville, part of Ascension, and part of St. James."

On the motion of Mr. Cordill, section 7 was further amended by striking out all from the word "Concordia," in line 56, down to the word "provided," in lines 67 and 68, and by inserting after the word "Grant," in line 69, the words "Rapides, Quachita, West Carroll, Morehouse, Caldwell, Catahoula, Richland and Franklin."

On the motion of Mr. Billieu section 12 was stricken out, section 13 becoming section 12.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, section 8 was amended by striking out in line 68 the word "fourth," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifth."

Section 9 was amended by inserting in the last line, after the word "district," the words "In which it was raised."

In section 13, becoming section 12, the pro-

also at the end of the section was amended o read as follows:

Provided, That nothing in this act shall be construed to suspend the collection or paynent of any taxes heretolore directed to be No. 5, of evied under the provisions of act. he extra session of 1878, approved March 26, 878.

On the motion of Mr. Cordill, the bill was onsidered as engrossed.

The rules were suspended.

The bill was read a third time and passed. The title was adopted.

Mr. Cordill moved to reconsider the vote ust taken on the final passage of the bill, ind on his own motion the motion to reconider was laid on the table.

Mr. Brent offered the following resolution:

Ordered by the House, That immediately Iter reading and approving the journal after o-morrow morning, it will proceed to con-ider and dispose of its general calendar, and hat all special orders for that day be postoned and made good for the next day there-

fter

Ordered further, That in considering the eneral calendar no member shall speak a a bill more than once, and then not exceding five minutes, except he be a member of the committee which reported upon the sill, or be in charge or the mover of the same.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, by a rising ote of 48 yeas to - mays, the resolution was aid on the table, subject to call.

On the motion of Mr. Brent the resolution ras subsequently taken up, and under a susension of the rules, by a rising vote of 50 reas to 10 nays, the resolution was adopted. Mr. Jeffries moved that the special order of he day be postponed ten minutes.

Mr. Demas moved to amend the motion to ostpone by inserting thirty minutes instead

f ten minutes, which was carried.

On the motion of Mr. Jeffries,

House bill No. 159,

"An act to amend and re-enact sections 5 nd 7 of act No. 96, extra session of 1877, and roviding an annual assessment in the parish f Orleans,"

Was taken up on second reading.

On the motion of Mr. Jeffries the bill was rdered to be considered engrossed, the rules ere suspended and the bill was read a third me and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Jeffries moved to reconsider the vote y which the bill finally passed, and on his wn motion the motion to reconsider was laid n the table.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of John . Gidiere, asking that his claim against the tate may be allowed and provision made or the payment thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 27, 1879,

Honorable Speaker and Members of the flouse of Representatives:

Lam directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has passed and requests your concurrence in

Senate bill No. 11, entitled

"An act to incorporate the town of New Iberia, in the parlsh of Iberia; fix its boundaries, provide for the government of same, and to repeat all laws or parts of laws luconsistent therewith."

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Demas asked for a suspension of the rules in order to take up

House bill No. 144,

"An act for the relief of the New Orleans and Texas Railroad, reducing the assessment thereon, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith."

By a rising vote of 16 yeas to 41 mays the House refused to suspend the rules.

On motion of Mr. Pope, the deficiency bill, House bill No. 152,

"An act making appropriations to cover deliciencies of former years, to be paid out of the revenues of such years,"

Was taken up and made the special order of the day for Wednesday, January 29, at 12:30 p. m.

Senate biil No. 18,

"An act for the relief of Thos. H. Handy, civii sheriff of the parish of Orleans, and to provide a mode of payment,"

Was taken up on its first reading, under a suspension of the rules passed to its second reading, and under a further suspension of the rules was passed to its third reading.

On its linal passage Mr. Detiege called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Arnauld, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenu, Brown of Tensas, Carter, Coco, Demas, Durio, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hanamond, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Munday, McElroy, Nealey, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Sharp, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Warmoth, Welsh—57.

Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Board, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Detiege, Decuir, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Ryland, Smith of St. Mary, Torrey—15. Guidry Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond,

rey-15.

The bill was passed, the title was adopted, and, on motion of Mr. Hill, the motion to reconsider the vote on its final passage was laid upon the table.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

House bill No. 123.

"An act relative to the State Printer, to the official journal of the State, and to the publie printing; to regulate and define the prices of public printing; to prescribe the manner in which the same shall be done: to regulate the manner of making advertisements in judicial proceedings, or sales of property under judicial process, or in any other legal proceedings, in all parishes; regulating the price therefor; directing the manner and price at which contracts shall be made by police juries and municipal corporations for public printing; to provide for the printing of the annual reports of the various heads of State departments and directors of certain public institutions; providing for the sworn affidavit to be made to bills before being audited; fixing the penalty for perjury, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

Was taken up on second reading.

The following amendments were adopted. In lines 5 and 6, strike out "three days" and insert "immediately."

By Mr. McElroy.

In line 7, after the word act, insert "by the General Assembly in joint session."

In line 9, after the word "Assembly," add "in joint session of said General Assembly."

By Mr. Detiege

Amendment to section 6:

In line 16, after the words "both houses." insert the following words: "And also a copy of the acts passed by the General Assembly in which he was a member."

By Mr. Liddell-

Amend by inserting after the word "for," in line 9, section 19, the words, "the first insertion, and fifty cents for each subsequent insertion."

Strike out the words "each insertion" in line 9.

In line 5, after "2613," add the "Revised Statutes of 1870,"

On the motion of Mr. McElroy the bill was ordered to be taken as engrossed.

Mr. McElroy moved that the rules be suspended in order that the bill might be placed upon its third reading and final passage.

On the motion to suspend the rules Mr. Detiege called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas Speaker Monenre and Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Arnandd, Brent, Bridger, Billien, Bienvenn, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Carter, Coco, Cunningham, Ducote, Durio, Fitzgerald, Gearcy, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Munday, MeElroy, Nealey, Parmelee, Potts, Rabouin, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh, Wise—57.

Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Board, Brown of Jefferson, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Denwis Cubarrytor, Have, Denwis Cubarrytor, Have

Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Gubernator, Hawkins, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary-12.

The rules were suspended, and on the final passage of the bill Mr. Detiege called for the yeas and nays with the following result:

Yeas-Speaker Moncure and Messrs. Arm-Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, u, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Coco, strong, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Coco, Cunningham, Durio, Fitzgerald, Guidry, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hill, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jones, Liddell, Lott, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mundav, McElroy, Nealey, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabonin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh, Wise—53.

Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Board, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Denas, Detlege, Decuir, Bienvenu, Bower,

Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Murrell, Smith of

St. Mary-15.

The bill was passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. McElroy moved that the vote on the final passage of the bill be reconsidered, and upon his own motion the motion to: econsider was laid on the table.

The journal of January 25 was read and approved.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The second special order of the day for this day being

Honse bill No. 102,

"An act making an appropriation for the payment of the salaries of the first quarter of the year 1879, from January 1 to March 31, of the constitutional officers of the State, amounting to seventy-five thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (\$75,875) dollars; providing for the payment of the actual traveiling expenses and per diem of the members, and contingent expenses of the General Assembly for the session commencing January 6, 1879, the said appropriation amounting to eighty-five thousand (\$85,000) dollars; to authorize the Auditor to draw warrants upon the Treasurer for the amounts as appropriated; requiring the Fiscal Agent to cash said warrants; providing the ways and means for the security and reimbursement of said Fiscal Agent, with 5 per cent per annum interest thereon, until said reimbursement is completed; and also providing for the disbursement of said funds, and maintaining section 4 of act No. 58 of 1877, approved March 12, 1877."

Was taken up on its second reading, under

he favorable report of the Committee on Con-

ingent Expenses.

Mr. Lyons moved that the substitute offered by himself, which had been referred with the bove entitled bill to the Committee on Coningent Expenses and reported on by that committee unfavorably, be adopted in lieu of he original bill.

By a rising vote of 30 yeas to 34 nays, the

notion to adopt was lost.

Mr. Hammond moved that the vote just eken be reconsidered.

The motion to reconsider was laid on the

able.

On the motion of Mr. Hammond the furher consideration of the above entitled Iouse bill No. 102 was postponed, and the bill nade the special order of the day for to-morow, January 28, immediately after the joint ession of the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Murrell the call was

rdered.

The roll being called the following memers answered to their names.

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Barthelmy, Brent, Blliieu, Bower, Brown of efferson, Carron, Carville, Como. Cunningtam, Demas, Decuir, Durio, Fitzgerald, Hammond, Hart. Hasam, Hay, Hill, Jeffries, ones, Landry, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Stechmann, mith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Velsh, Wise. Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs.

Fifty-four members and a quorum.

On motion of Mr. Lyons, by a rising vote of 0 yeas to 2 nays, the rules were suspended n order to call on committees for reports.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Lyons, chairman, on behalf of the Comnittee on the Judiciary, submitted the followng report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives:

Your committee, to which has been reerred sundry bills, beg leave to report as ollows

Favorably, by substitute, on House bill No. 9, entitled

"An act to further regulate the trial of appeals in the Supreme Court."

House bill No. 60, entitled "An act to create a mechanics' and builders' ien, and to provide for the manner of recordng and enforcing the same, With amendments,

Favorably on House bill No. 101, entitled "An act to reduce the expense of appeals," etc

Favorably on House bill No. 122,

"An act to amend and re-enact article 245 of the Code of Practice."

Your committee reports originally,

"An act to promote the commerce of the city of New Orleans."

T. B. LYONS, Chairman.

Mr. Liddell, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Corporations ask to submit the following report:

They have considered Senate bill No. 5, entitled

"An act to incorporate the New Orleans Board of Underwriters,"

And report the same favorably, with amendments.

> Respectfully submitted. M. J. LIDDELL, Chairman,

Mr. Murrell submitted the following minority report on

Senate bill No. 5,

Known as

"An act to incorporate the New Orleans Board of Underwriters."

I object to the passage of this bill for the

following reasons: First—Because it is part and parcel of the

war of local insurance companies on foreign agencies, being simply the creation of another monopoly for the benefit of the favored few.

Second—The Legislature has not the power

to delegate the sovereign act of levying taxes to private corporations for the support of

anything, as is the ease with this bill.

I therefore look upon its passage as unconstitutional, and think that if it is passed it will be the source of a great deal of litigation, and will in the end become a dead letter on our statutes. I hope this bill will not pass.

Respectfully, WILLIAM MURRELL.

Mr. Lott, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Public Education, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the Hous of Representatives:

I am directed by the Committee on Public

Education to report
"An act to amend and re-enact act No. 23, to regulate the public education in the State of Louisiana," etc.

Which they request the House to take up

and pass. Also, I am requested to report to you two joint resolutions which refer to the welfare of the educational system of the State, and request your concurrence in the same.

H. R. LOTT, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Lott, after a suspension of the rules, the bill referred to in the above report was taken up, passed to its second reading, and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 162,

"An act to amend and re-enact act No. 23; to regulate public education in the State of

Louisiana; to provide a revenue for the same; to impose certain penalties; to repeal sections of the Revised Statutes, from section 1217, inclusive, to section 1297, inclusive; and to repeal act No. 6 of the acts of 1870, entitled 'An act to regulate public education in the State of Louisiana and city of New Orleans, and to raise a revenue for that purpose,' approved March 26, 1877; to reduce the quorum of the State Board of Education, and to provide for filling vacancies in parish boards; to empower the State Board to furnish books and forms for teachers and school officers; to defer the enumeration of youth, and empower the State Board of Education to correct errors in the enumeration of 1877; to create two boards for the parish of Jefferson; to reduce the number of citizens on parish boards, and require the appointment of ward or school district trustees and special boards of trustees for cities and towns; to require secretaries of school boards to be capable of acting as examiners and inspectors for the greater efficiency of the school system; to vest discretionary power in school boards as to months for school sessions, and ages of children entitled to free instruction, and to reduce the expense of maintaining the schools of New Orleans; to provide for releasing school lands."

On the further motion of Mr. Lott, the Joint Resolution referred to in the above report was taken up, read and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 163,

"Joint Resolution instructing our Representatives in Congress to procure aid for educational funds."

Under a further suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading.

On the further motion of Mr. Lott the second of the series of joint resolutions referred to in the report of the committee was read and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 164,

"Joint Resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Public Education to attend an educational convention at Washington City."

Under a further suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading.

Mr.E. E. Smart, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, submitted the following report:

To the Hone cable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Parochfal Affairs, having under consideration the following House bills, have instructed me to make the following report

House bill No. 149

Has been passed upon favorably, and I am

instructed to ask its reference to the Judiciary Committee, for their consideration.

Favorably on House bill No. 35,

"An act to provide for the appointment of additional police jurors for the parish of East Carroll."

Favorably, by substitute, on House bill No. 126,

'An act to authorize the construction of a public road from Boutte Station to Bayou des Allemands, in the parish of St. Charles, and to provide for the levying of a special tax in said parish for the construction of said road, and to authorize the Police Jury to pass ordinances to carry into effect, etc., and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act."

Favorably, by substitute, on
House bill No. 18,
"An act to repeal section 1 of act No. 60 of
the extra session, approved April 13, 1877, entitled 'An act for the protection of game animals and birds in the State of Louisiana."

Respectfully submitted E. E. SMART, Chairman.

The report was adopted, and

House bill No. 149

Was referred as amended.

The House bill reported by substitute in the above report was, under a suspension of the rules, read and placed on the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 165,

"An act to repeal section 1 of act No. 60 of the extra session, approved April 13, 1877, entitled 'An act for the protection of game animals and birds in the State of Louisiana in so far as the same applies to the parishes of Vernon, Caldwell, Rapides, Jackson, Winn and Claiborne.'"

The rules were suspended and the bill was placed on its second reading.

On the motion of Mr. Murrell the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 28, at 11:30 a.m.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Nineteenth Day's Proceedings.

House of Representatives, State of Louisiana New Orleans, Tuesday, January 28, 1879.

The House was called to order at 11:30

o'clock a.m. by the Speaker. Present:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Bridger, Billieu, Board, Armstrong, Arnauld, Bridger, Billieu, Board, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carter, Carville, Coeo, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Fitzgerald, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Renney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Sharp, Smart, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance. Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance,

Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Wise, Young.

Sixty-seven members and a quorum.

The consideration of the journal was postponed for one hour.

Mr. Billieu, chairman of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, called up his report in the case of H. E. Gilmore, contesting the seat of H. C. Warmoth.

And moved that the report and resolution accompanying the same be adopted, and that the attorney, James Lingan, for the contestant, be heard on the floor.

The House granted the request that Mr. Lingau be heard.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons the consideration of the report and resolution was postponed until Wednesday at 1 p. m.

Mr. Fillieu called up his report in the case of John Taylor vs. S. F. Parmelee, and resolution accompanying the same, to wit:

Resolved, That S. F. Parmelee be and is hereby declared legally entitled and confirmed in his seat in the House of Representatives of this General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, as a Representative of the twelfth ward and Twelfth Representative District, parish of Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Billieu the report was received and the resolution was adopted.

The Speaker announced from the stand that a communication had been received from the State Auditor relative to expenses of the Board of Liquidation for the year ending December 31, 1878.

On motion of Mr. Lyons, the communication was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. O'Bryan presented a petition from the physicians of the Attakapas region, asking a change of section 1691 of the Revised Statutes.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Mr. Bower presented the petition of Mrs. Bourgne, praying for relief.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Mixon presented a petition from the citizens of Tangipahoa, asking an amendment to the act of incorporation of the town of Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Hightower offered a Concurrent Resolution relative to the improvement of the navigation of Lake Bisteneau and tribut ries,

On the motion of Mr. Hightower the rules were suspended, and the resolution was taken up, underwent its several readings and passed.

Mr. Hightower moved to reconsider the vote on the final passage of this resolution, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table. Mr. Potts offered the following resolution: Resolved, That this Household nightly sessions from this date to its adjournment.

Mr. Potts moved that the rules be suspended in order to take up the resolution at this time.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost and the resolution ordered to lie over.

Mr. R don offered the fellowing resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and is hereby authorized to pay to Ed. Flood, late Sergeant at-Arms, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, being for services rendered in his then capacity of Sergeant at Arms, previous to the meeting of the present General Assembly.

Referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses is hereby directed to issue a warrant in favor of Adam Schmidt, clerk to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives from January 13, 1879, to the end of session, at the rate of (\$5) five dollars per diem, to be paid out of the contingent fund for session of 1879.

Referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. Hart offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses of the House be and he is hereby ordered to pay out of the contingent fund the sum of three dollars per diem to each of the porters employed in the service of this House during the session of 1879.

Referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. Hart ferred the following resolution; Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of the contingent fund the sum of four dollars (§4) per diem each to Clarence Routh and John Donohue, policemen employed in the service of the House of Representatives, during the session of 1879.

Referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

JOINT SESSION.

A message having been received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, to ballot for a United States Senator,

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Benners, Bowden, Ellis, Fontenot, Garland, Kenner, Mitchell, Norwood, Sandiford, Texada, Wells, Williams, Zacharie.

Thirteen Senators present.

The roll of the House being called, the following named members answered to their

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower. Brown of Tensas, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco. Como, Cordill, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Ducote, Durlo, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon. Gubernator, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McElroy, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schump-rt, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Wise.

Sixty-four members present.

The following nominations were made:

J. W. Sandiford.

J. C. Egan.

Geo. B. N. Wailes.

B. A. Martel.

E. John Ellis.

L. A. Wiltz.

The roll of the Senate was called, when

Senators Ellis, Kelly, Merkel, Norwood, Wailes, Williams and Zacharie voted for the Hon. J. W. Sandiford—7 votes.

Senator Mitchell voted for the Hon. J. C. Egan—1 vote.

Senators Herron, Kenner and Texada voted for the Hon. G. B. N. Wailes—3 votes.

Senators Bowden, Fontenot, Garland and Sandiford voted for the Hon. B. A. Martel—4 votes.

Senator Benners voted for the Hon, Louis A. Wiltz—1 vote.

The roll of the House was called, when

Messrs. Armstrong, Davidson of Red River and Hightower voted for the Hon. J. W. Sandiford—3 votes.

Messrs. Ducote, Fitzgerald, Hay, Hill, Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Sharp, Stechmann and Smith of Jackson voted for the Hon. J. C. Egan—12 votes.

Messrs. Carville, Como, Lott and Pope voted for the Hon, G. B. N. Wailes—4 votes.

Messrs. Billieu, Carron, Coco, Dupaty, Durio, Gearey, Guidry, Gubernator, Jones, Martin of St. Landry, O'Bryan, Potts, Scratchley, Smith of St. Mary, Vidrine and Walton voted for the Hon. B. A. Martel—15 votes.

Messrs. Liddell, Lyons, Mixon, Munday and Taylor voted for the Hon. E. John Ellis—5 votes. Messrs. Arnauld, Bridger, Bienvenu, Carter, Gordon, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Holzhalb, Lauer, Marquez, McElroy, Parmelee, Reaney, Redon, Smart, Steele, Schumpert, Torrey and Wise voted for the Hon. L. A. Wiltz -21 votes.

Mr. Vance voted for the Hon. T. J. Hightower—1 vote.

Mr. Coleman voted blank-1 vote.

Seventy-seven members voting.

The President announced that there had been no election, and on motion of Mr. Norwood the Senate withdrew.

AFTER JOINT SESSION.

On motion the call of the roll was dispense with.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The special order of the day for this day, being

House bill No. 102.

"An act making an appropriation for the payment of the salaries of the first quarter of the year 1879, from January 1 to March 31. of the constitutional officers of the State, amounting to seventy-five thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (\$75.875) dollars: providing for the payment of the actual traveling expenses and per diem of the members. and contingent expenses of the General Assembly for the session commencing January 6, 1879, the said appropriation amounting to eighty-five thousand (\$85,000) dollars; to authorize the Auditor to draw warrants upon the Treasurer for the amounts as appropriated; requiring the Fiscal Agent to cash said warrants; providing the ways and means for the security and reimbursement of said Fiscal Agent, with 5 per cent per annum interest thereon, until said reimbursement is completed; and also providing for the disbursement of said funds, and maintaing section 4 of act No. 58 of 1877, approved March 12, 1877,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Section 1 was, on motion of Mr. Hammond, amended by striking out in lines 5, 6 and 7, "one hundred and sixty thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (\$160,875)," and inserting "fifty-five thousand (\$55,600);" and in lines 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, strike out these lines and insert "fifty-five thousand (\$55,000)."

In section 2, line 2, strike out "twenty-two" and insert "seventeen."

In section 3, line 2, strike out "sixty-three" and insert "thirty-eight."

In section 3, line 3, strike out "eighty-five" and insert "fifty-five."

Strike out all of section 4.

In section 5, becoming section 4, strike out from the word "assembly," in line 6, to the word "should" in line 9. word "assembly," in line 32, to the word "as" in line 40.

In line 41 strike out the figure "2" and insert the figure "5."

In section 6, becoming section 5, in line 11, strike out the final "s" in the word "sections," the figure "4" and the word "and."

Section 7 made section 6.

Section 8 becoming section 7.

In lines 6 and 7 strike out "eighty-five thousand (\$85,000)" and insert "fifty-five thousand (\$55,000)."

Section 9 becoming section 8.

On the motion of Mr. Demas the rule requiring the bill to be considered in committee of the whole House was dispensed with.

On the motion of Mr. Hammond the bill, as amended, was considered as engrosse and passed to its third reading.

On the final passage of the bill Mr. Lyons called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Speaker Moncure and Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Bollieu, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cordill, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Decur, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Frazier, dill, Cunningham, Davidsa, Ducio, Frazier, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey. Guidry, Gubernator, Hanmond. Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hite, Holzhafb, Liddell, Lott, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, McElroy, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pore, Potts, Rabouin, Redon, Robeson, Ross, Scratchley, Sharp, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Senumpert, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidriue, Walton—60.

Veazey, Vidrine, Walton-60. Nays-Brent, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Nays-Brent, Landry, Lyons, Munday, Hay, Hill, Jeffries, Landry, Lyons, Munday, Reaney, Renwick, Ryland, Smart, Warmoth,

Wise-13.

The bill was passed.

The title was an ended to correspond with the changes, as follows:

"An act making an appropriation for the payment of the actual traveling expenses and per diem of the members and contingent expenses of the General Assembly for the session commencing January 6, 1879; to authorize the Auditor to draw warrants upon the Treasurer for the amounts as appropriated; requiring the Fiscal Agent to cash said warrants; providing the ways and means for the security and reim ursement of said Fiscal Agent, with 5 per cent per annum interest thereon, until said reimbursement is completed; and also providing for the disbursement of said funds, and maintaining section 5 of act No. 58 of 1877, approved March 12,

The title was adopted as amended.

In the same section strike out from the motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

> EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,) Saus of Louision New Orleans January 28, 1879.

To the E morable Speaker and M mbers of the H uss of Represen arives:

return herewith, without my approval, House bill No. 6, entitled

"An act to author: ze the Police Jury of the parish of Franklin to levy a special tax in said parish for an amount sufficient to build

or rebuild a parish j dl."

My reason for withholding approval is that there already exists in the general law, section 103, act 96, extra session of 1877, authority for the purpose contemplated by this act, and that there is no necessity for special legislation on the subject.

Very respectfully

FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS, Governor.

Mr. Lyons moved to take up the veto of the

Governor on the above entitled bill. The motion prevailing, the message of the

Governor was read to the House. The question was put, "Shall the bill be passed, the Governor's objections notwith-

standing?" The yeas and nays were called, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Armstrong, Cordill, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Veazey—6.

Nays—Messrs. Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Coco Como, Cole-Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Coco Como, Coleman, Cunningham, Dupaty, Ducota, Durio, Frazier, Georey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hite, Holzbalb, Jefferes, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McElroy, Nealey, Nettlas, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Stechmann, Smith of St. Mary, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine Walton, Warmoth, Wise—63.

The bill was not passed, and the objections of the Governor were sustained.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, 1 New Orleans, January 28, 1879. To the Hon rable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

am directed to inform your honorable

body that the Senate has finally passed the following, and asks your concurrence in

Senate bill No. 51,

"An act amending act No. 80 of the extra session of 1877, reorganizing the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana; extending, defining and prescribing its powers and duties, and those of quarantine and other officers under its control; revising and establishing Mr. Hammond moved that the final passage of the bill be reconsidered, and on his own and marriages, and the issuing of marriage licenses in the parish of Orleans; for the inspection of live stock and meats at the slaughter-houses in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard; prescribing the duties and obligations of masters of vessels and others arriving at quarantine stations; establishing penalties and remedies for the enforcement of this act, and for violations of the same, and of the ordinances and orders made in pursuance 'hereof; and giving effect as evidence to certain certificates of quaran-tine physicians, and to the sanitary ordin ences of the city and the Board of Health"

House bill No. 65, entitled

"An act supplementary to the second section of act No. 124, of April 30, 1877, entitled 'An act to vest in the State Board of Education control of the site purchased for the State, in the city of New Orleans, for the location of a State Normal School,' etc.; and to authorize other property within the city of New Orleans, vacant or improved, and of equal value with said lots, and to use the property so acquired for one or both of the Peabody State Normal Schools now in operation in New Orleans."

S-nate bill No. 69, entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Kenner, in the parish of Jefferson, left bank of the Mississippi river, State of Louisiana, and provide for the government of the same, approved March 28. 1873."

Senate bill No. 75, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact the title and sections 2 and 20 of act No. 71, approved March 11, 1878, entitled 'An act granting corporate privileges to the inhabitants of the town of Napoleonville, in the parish of Assumption, and to provide for the government of the affairs thereof."

Also, to inform you that the Senate concurs in the amendment by the House to the title of Senate bill No. 58, relative to Morgan's Louisiana and Texas railroad.

JOHN CLEGG, Respectfully, Secretary of the Senate. SENATE CHAMBER, I

New Orleans, January 28, 1879. (
To the Henorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform you that the Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate has signed duly enrolled Senate bills, viz:

Senate bili No. 18,

"An act for the relief of Thos. H. Handy, late civil sheriff of the parish of Orleans, and to provide for the mode of payment."
Senate bill No. 58,
"An act to amend and re-enact sections 6,

20 and 28 of act No. 37, entitled 'An act to in-corporate Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railroad and Ste mship Company; to expedite the extension, construction and mainte-nance of a railroad between New Orleans, La., and the State of Texas, and between New Orleans, North Louislana and Arkansas; to declare and define the powers and liabli-ties of said company; to grant the right of way for the construction of the result to way for the construction of the road; thorize the expropriation of lands," etc.,

And to request the signature of the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the same.

Respectfully,

JOHN OLEGG. Secretary of the Senate. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPAREMENT, State of L uisjana, New Orlea S, January 28, 1879

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened:

I have the honor to inform you that I have received in manuscript the annual report of Hon. A. Dubuclet, State Treasurer, for the year ending December 31, 1878, which I hold subject to the order of your honorable bodies or committees.

Very respectfully, FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS, Governor.

SENATE CALENDAR.

Senate bill No. 21,

"Providing for the continuance of suits and criminal prosecutions in this State, when the attorney for any other parties therein shall be absent as a member of the constitutional convention, to assemble April 21, 1879,"

Was taken up on second reading, and on motion referred to the Committee on Paro-

chial Affairs.

Senate bill No. 5,

"An act to incorporate the Board of Underwriters,"

Was taken up on its second reading under a favorable report by a majority, with amendments, from the Committee on Corporations.

The minority report of Mr. Murrell was

The report of the majority was read.

A motion to adopt the minority report was

Mr. Demas moved that the bill be indeffnitely postponed.

The motion to postpone was lost.

The amendments recommended by the majority were adopted:

In line 7 of section 4, strike out the word "eight" and insert in lieu thereof the word 'nine."

In line 2 of section 7, strike out the word "eight" and insert in lieu thereof the word "nine."

On the motion of Mr. Liddell the rules were suspended, and the bill was passed to its third reading.

On the final passage of the bill the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas-Megsrs. Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, B. wer, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Carter, Coco, Cunningham, Dupaty, Durio, Gearev, Guidry, Gordon, Hammond, Hasam, Hay, Jeffries, Jenkius, Liddell, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, O'Bryan, Parmelec, Pope, Pots, Raboum, Reaney, Redon, Rewick, Ross, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson,

Scratchley, Scott, Forrey, Vance, Walton—44. Nays—Barthelmy, Bienvenu, Board, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detloge Decair, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, McElroy, Taylor, Veazey—17.

Mr. Fitzg rald asked and obtained leave to be excused from voting.

Mr. Murrell asked leave to have his vote recorded in the negative for reasons given by hunself, as follows:

I vote against the final passage of this bill. Senate bill No. 5, because it was shown a preference before bills which had been before the Committee on Corporations several days, committee on Corporations several mays, and that proper opporation ty was not offered the opposition to express their reasons for opposing it. Again, because I consider it a monopoly of greater magnitude than that now known as the "Louislana State Lottery."

The vote was so recorded.

The bill was passed

The title was adopted.

Mr. Liddell moved to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following entitled Senate bills were taken up on first reading, and under a suspension of the rules were passed to their second reading and referred to committees respectively, as follows:

Senate bill No. 44, entitled

"An act to incorporate the town of New Iberia, in the parish of Iberia, fix its boundaries, provide for the government of the same, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws inconsistent herewith,"

To the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill No. 51,

"An act amending act No. 80 of the extra session of 1877, reorganizing the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana; extending, defining and prescribing its powers and duties, and those of quarantine and other officers under its control; revising and establishing the rates of quarantine charges for maintenance of quarantine; providing for its expenses; for the recording of births, deaths and marriages, and the issuing of marriage licenses in the parish of Orleans; for the inspection of live stock and meats at the slaughter-houses in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard; prescribing the duties and obligations of masters of vessels and others arriving at quarantine stations; establishing penalties and remedies for the enforcement of this act, and for violations of the same and of the ordinances and orders made in pursuance thereof; and giving effect appropriating the sum of seven hundred dolas evidence to certain certificates of quaran- lars therefor.'

tine physicians, and to the sanitary ordinances of the city and the Board of Health."

To the Committee on Health and Quarantine.

Senate bill No. 65, entitled

"An act supplementary to the second section of act No. 124, of April 30, 1877, entitled 'An act to vest in the State Board of Education control of the site purchased for the State, in the city of New Orleans, for the location of a State Normal School,' etc.; and to authorize the State Board to exchange said site for other property within the city of New Orleans, vacant or improved, and of equal value with said lots, and to use the property so acquired for one or both of the Peabody State Normal Schools now in operation in New Orleans."

To the Committee on Public Education.

Senate bill No. 66, entitled

"An act for the relief of the widow and heirs of Eraste Mouton, deceased judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District."

To the Committee on Claims.

Senate bill No. 67, entitled

"An act providing for the continuation of suits and criminal prosecutions in the State, when the attorney for any of the parties therein shall be absent as a member of the constitutional convention, to assemble April 21, 1879."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate hill No. 69, entitled

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Kenuer, in the parish of Jefferson, left bank of the Mississippi river, State of Louisiana, and provide for the government of the same,' approved March 28, 1873."

To the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill No. 71,

"An act to ratify the action of the Auditor of Public Accounts in not publishing the delinquent lists for non-payment of taxes on the twentieth day of September and on the second Monday in November, 1878, and not effecting the sales of property of said delinquents on the second Monday of December of the same year."

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate bill No. 72,

"An act for the relief of Geo. W. Lee, of Orleans, and appropriating the sum of twenty-five dollars and eighty cents tax, erroneously paid into the State Treasury."

To the Committee on Claims.

Senate bill No. 74, entitled

"An act for the relief of Joseph Llulla, and

To the Committee on Claims.

Senate bill No. 75, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact the title and sections 2 and 20 of act No. 71 approved March 11, 1878, entitled 'An act granting corporate privileges to the inhabitants of the town of Napoleonville, in the parish of Assumption, and to provide for the government of the affairs thereof."

To the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill No. 84,

"An act to authorize Frank Huguet to sue the State."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill No. 86,

"An act for the relief of Antoine Dubuclet, and appropriating the sum of one hundred and forty-three dollars and eighty cents."

To the Committee on Claims.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

Senate bill No. 68,

"An act to enable the St. Charles Hotel Company to contract for a loan and to give proper security therefor."

The bill was read, the rules were suspended and the bill passed to its second reading.

Under a further suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Liddell moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 91,

"An act to provide for pro rata payments of the interest tax fund to the holders of all coupons of consolidated bonds, in cases where said interest tax fund is insufficient to pay said coupons in full."

The bill was taken up and read.

The rules were suspended and the bill passed to its second reading.

Under a further suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time.

On the final passage of the bill Mr. Vance called for the yeas and mays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Arnauld, Brent. Billieu, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Coco, Coleman, Cordill, Cunningham, Dennas, Deenir, Dupaty, Durio, Fitzgerald, Gnidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hay, Hill, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Munday, Murrell, Nealey, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabonin, Reaney, Redon, Robesson, Ross, Ryland, Smart, Steedmann, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Walton, Warmoth, Wise—55.

Nays—Messrs. Bridger, Bienvenu, Board, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Davidson of

Iberville, Frazier, Hawkins, Hightower, Mc Elroy, Vance-11.

The bill passed.

Title adopted.

Mr. Jeffries moved to reconsider the vot just taken on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. Demas leave of absence was granted Mr. Bourgeois for three days.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Martin, of St. Landry, for Mr. Hart asked and obtained a suspension of the rules to introduce a bill, which was read and placed upon the calendar of the House, becoming

House bill No. 166,

"An act to protect the health of the city of New Orleans; to regulate the location of the slaughter-house and stock-pens; to secure the rights of butchers, stock dealers and proprietors of slaughter-houses; to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal the act approved March 8, 1869, entitled 'An act to protect the health of the city of New Orleans; to locate the stock-landings and slaughter-houses, and to incorporate the Crescent City Live Stock Landing and Slaughter-House Company."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was

passed to its s cond reading.

Mr. Demas moved that the bill be referred to a committee of the whole House.

On the motion of Mr. Hart, by a rising vote of 47 yeas to 8 nays, the motion of Mr. Demas was laid on the table.

The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

House bill No. 9,

"An act to further regulate the trial of appeals in the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana,"

Was taken up on its second reading under the favorable report, by substitute, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

The substitute was read and adopted in Heu of the original bill, and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 167,

"An act to further regulate the trials of appeals in the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading, and was ordered to be considered as engrossed.

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

A motion to reconsider the vote upon the nal passage of the bill was lald on the table. On the motion of Mr. Warmoth,

House bill No. 14,

"An act to amend and re-cuact section 2 of u net approved March 11, 1878, 'An act to auhorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Paclife Railway Company; to proide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authorize the company to nake its mortgage bonds and secure them by , first mortgage of present and future proprty; to provide a pledge of said mortgage bonds to the State, and the term thereof, and o regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds,"

Was taken up under the favorable report of the Committee on Railroads, and was assigned as the special order of the day for

Wednesday, January 29, at 2 p. m.

House bill No. 35,

"An act to provide for the appointment of additional police jurors for the parish of East Carroll,"

Was taken up on second reading, under the favorable report of the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

Mr. Barthelmy moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed.

By a rising vote of 17 years to 49 nays the motion to postpone was lost.

Mr. Barthelmy offered the following

amendment: "That the Police Jury be authorized to issue proclamation for the purpose of electing five additional members of the Police Jury in the parish East Carroll."

On the motion of Mr. Lott, by a rising vote of 52 yeas to 16 nays, the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Lott moved that the bill be taken as engrossed.

On which motion the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas—Speaker Moncure, and Messis. Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Carter, Coco, Cordill, Cunof Teńsas, Cárron, Carter, Coćo, Cordill, Cunningham, Dupaty, Durio, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hasam, Hay, Hightower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McElroy, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Rabouin, Reaney, Rewick, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Steehmann, Suith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Wise—54.
Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Board, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decnir, Fitzgerald, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary, Verzey, Warmoth—16.

Mary, Veszey, Warmoth-16.

The motion was carried and the bill was ordered to be taken as engrossed.

Mr. Lott moved that the constitutional rule be suspended in order to put the bill on Its third reading and final passage, upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas Speaker Moneure, and Messrs, Ar-Yeas—Speaker Moneure, and Messus, Armauld, Brent, Bridger, Bower, Carron, Carter, Coco, Cordill, Cumungbam, Dennas, Dupaty, Durio, Gearey, Guidry, Gubernator, Hart, Hasam, Highiower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McEiroy, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Smith of Jackson, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Wiso—47. Nays—Messus, Burthelmy, Board, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Da-

Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Da-lson of Iberville, Fitzgerald, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Smith of St. Mary, Veazey,

Warmoth-14.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost.

At 3 o'clock p. m. the special order of the day,

House bill No. 160.

"An act to provide for the speedy collection of State taxes and licenses, city taxes and licenses in the parish of Orleans; to provide for jurisdiction of the district courts, and divest justices' courts of jurisdiction in tax and license cases; relative to the duties of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, tax collectors and the State Auditor; prescribing certain duties and fees relative to the remission of penalties and forfeitures; the receipt of evidences of debt for licenses and taxes, and the duties of the civil sheriff for the parish of Orleans in the collection of taxes,"

Was taken up, and, on the motion of Mr. Hill, was postponed and reassigned as the special order of the day for Wednesday, January 29, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Warmoth asked and obtained the consent of the House to introduce a bill.

The bill was read and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 169.

"An act to provide a method for the correction of assessments by the Board of Assessors for the city of New Orleans," etc.

Under a suspension of the rules, the bill was passed to its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House bill No. 50,

"An act to define more definitely the duties and enlarge the powers of the commissioners app inted by act No. 24, section 14 of said act, entitled 'An act to abolish the parish of Carroll and to create and re-establish in lieu thereof the two parishes of East and West Carroll; providing for the organization of said two parishes, and fixing the representation in the House of Representatives,' passed at the extra session of the General Assembly held in 1877, and approved the twenty-sixth of March of the same year,"

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report, by substitute, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

The substitute was read and adopted in lieu of the original bill, becoming

House bill No. 169,

"An act to enable the people and the School Board of West Carroll to bring suit for certain property and funds."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading, and was ordered to be taken as engrossed.

Under a further suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Lott moved to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 51,

"An act to amend and re-enact article 2712 of the Revised Civil Code of Louisiana, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith,"

Was taken up under the unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, seconded by Mr. Murrell, the further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Murrell moved to reconsider the vote, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

House bill No. 52,

"An act to amend and re-enact article 2924 of the Revised Civil Code of Louisiana,"

Was taken up under the unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary, and on motion was indefinitely postponed.

House bill No. 54,

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to authorize police juries to make such regulations as they may deem proper to prohibit or regulate the sale, barter or exchange of intoxicating liquors or merchandise on Sundays,' approved March 13, 1878,"

Was taken up under the unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr Davidson, of Iberville, moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed, and that it be made the special order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Hill, as an amendment, moved that the bill be made the special order of the day for Monday next, at 1 o'clock p. m.

House bill No. 53,

"An act to supply the deficiency in appropriations of 1875 and 1876 for salaries of dising and enforcing the same,"

trict judges, and particularly for the salaries of the judges of the Seventh and Eighth District Courts for the parish of Orleans,"

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Appropriations.

On the motion of Mr. Brown, of Jefferson, the rule requiring the House to go into the committee of the whole was dispensed with.

On the motion of Mr. Hill the bill was ordered to be taken as engrossed.

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time, passed, and the title adopted.

Mr. Hill moved to reconsider the vote upon the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table,

House bill No. 56,

"An act for the relief of J. Lud. Williams, assessor for the parish of DeSoto, for taking the census of DeSoto parish, and providing compensation therefor,"

Was taken up under the favorable report of the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hawkins offered the following amendment:

Insert after "five hundred dollars" "that the sum of five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to J. S. Richardson, assessor of the parish of Madison."

The amendment was accepted.

[Mr. Hill in the chair.]

On motion of Mr. Demas the further consideration of the bill was postponed until 12:30 o'clock p. m. January 29, to be considered with House bill No. 152, the deficiency bill.

House bill No. 58,

"An act to make warrants issued to the Registrar of Voters receivable for taxes and warrants,"

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report, by substitute, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

The substitute was read, and on the motion of Mr. Demas the bill and substitute were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House bill No. 59,

"An act authorizing the Registrar of Voters of the parish of Orleans to employ a porter in his office,"

Was taken up, under the favorable report, with amendments, from the Committee on City Affairs, and on motion of Mr. Ryland it was indefinitely postponed.

House bill No. 60,

"An act to make a mechanics' and builders' lien, and to provide for the manner of recording and enforcing the same," Was taken up under the favorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The amendments recommended by the committee were adopted, as follows:

On page 1, lines 5 and 24; on page 2, lines 5, 8, 14 and 19; on page 3, lines 2, 9, 13, 15 and 25, strike out the word "lien" and Insert in lieu thereof the word "privilege."

On page 2, lines 23 and 26, and on page 3, lines 23 and 24, strike out the word "liens" and insert in lieu thereof the word "privileges."

On the motion of Mr. Hasam, the bill, as amended, was ordered to be taken as engrossed.

Under a suspension of the rules, the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was amended as recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary by striking out the word "lien" and inserting the word "privilege" in lien thereof.

The title was adopted as amended.

Mr. Hasam moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill passed, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 61,

"An act providing for the payment of the judgment rendered by the Sixth District Court, parish of Orleans, against the State of Louisiana in favor of T. C. W. Ellis, in suit No. 9931,"

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Appropriations.

On the motion of Mr. Pope the further consideration of the bill was postponed till 12:30 o'clock p. m. January 29, to be considered with House bill No. 152 at that time.

House bill No. 63,

"An act to enable the St. Charles Hotel Company to contract for a loan of money, and to give proper securities therefor,"

Was taken up on second reading, under the favorable report of the Committee on Corporations, and indefinitely postponed.

House bill No. 64,

"An act for the relief of the parish of Jackson, in consequence of the burning of the court-house and record books of said parish,"

Was taken up on second reading, under the favorable report with amendments, from the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

On motion the bill was indefinitely postponed.

House bill No. 65,

"An act to exempt a homestead of a household from seizure and sale on execution,"

Was taken up under the favorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary. On motion of Mr. Munday, the bill was ordered to be taken as engro sed.

Under a suspension of the rules, the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Munday moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill finally passed, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 66,

"An act to regulate the sale of property under an order of seizure and sale or writ of fieri facias,"

Was taken up on second reading, under the unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judielary, and indefinitely postponed.

House bill No. 67,

"An act to create local boards of health throughout the State subordinate to the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana; to define their duties and powers and their relation with said State Board of Health; to provide for their support; to establish a general system of recording vital statistics throughout the State, and to provide penalties for the enforcement of this act,"

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report, by substitute, from the Committee on Public Health and Quarantine.

The substitute was adopted in lieu of the original bill and placed upon the calendar, becoming

House bill No. 170,

"An act to create local Boards of Health throughout the State, except in New Orleans, subordinate to the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana; to define their duties and powers and their relations with said State Board of Health; to provide for their support; to establish a general system of recording vital statistics throughout the State, and to provide penalties for the enforcement of this act."

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was passed to its second reading and ordered to be printed.

House bill No. 68,

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to authorize and empower the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana to detain and disinfect, and to pass after disinfection, vessels from infected ports at and from quarantine stations, in lieu of a time-quarantine detention, in certain cases, and to repeal conflicting laws,' approved March 24, 1876,"

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Public Health and Quarantine.

On the motion of Mr. McEiroy, further consideration of this bill was postponed, and it

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled "An act to authorize and empower the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana to detain and disinfect, and to pass after disinfection, vessels from infected ports at and from quarantine stations, in lieu of a time-quarantine detention, in certain cases, and to repeal conflicting laws," approved March 24, 1876.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That the above title be amended so as to read

as follows:

"An act to authorize and empower the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana to detain, cause to be unladen and to disinfect vessels from infected ports, together with their cargoes; to detain their crews and passengers a suitable length of time; and to re-

sengers a suitable length of time, and to repeal conflicting laws."

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana is hereby authorized and empowered, at any time in its discretion, to cause the detention for a period not exceeding sixty days at quarantine stations, and also to cause the unloading of cargoes for purposes of disinfection and purification, of all vessels arriving from ports where yellow fever usually prevails, and from ports where other contagious diseases are reported to exist.

And it is hereby made the dity of said Board of Health to cause such detention, unlading, disinfection and purification in case of all vessels known or suspected to be infected with yellow fever, small-pox and cholera, the necessary labor furnished and expenses attending these measures to be borne by owners, agents or masters of the vessels, and to be settled before releasing the vessels.

House bill No. 151,

"An act making an appropriation for transferring the records of State tax suits brought by the State of Louisiana in the late Superior District Court for the parish of Orleans, to the Third District Court of Orleans."

From the Committee on Claims, was taken up, and was made the order of the day, at 2:30 p.m., to be considered with House bill No. 152, the deficiency bill.

On the motion of Mr. Jeffries, the House adjourned until Wednesday, January 29, at 11:30 o'clock a. m.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Twentieth Day's Proceedings.

House of Representatives, State of Louisiana

New Orleans, Wednesday, January 29, 1879, The House was called to order at 12:30 by Speaker Moncure.

Present-Hon. J. C. Moneure, Speaker, and Messrs Armstrong, Arnaeld, Brown of Jefferson, Carter, Carville, Coco, Coleman, Cordill, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Du-

was ordered to be printed in the journal, as follows:

By Mr. Ryland—
House bill No. 68,

By Mr. Ryland—
By By Elroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O Bryan, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Robeson, Sharp, Smart, Steele, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Wat-son, Welsh, Wise, Young.

Fifty-'our members and a quorum.

The consideration of the journal was postponed one hour.

Mr. Cordill asked and obtained leave of the House to introduce at this time the following

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the default of the January coupons on the State consols and the calling of a constitutional convention have excited much uneasiness in the public mind, and given rise to wild rumors of the intention to disregard the plighted faith of the State towards its creditors:

Be it resolved by the House of Representa-tives, the Senate concurring, That it is the in-tention of the people of this State to pay all of its honest obligations, and in no respect desire to disregard the rights of parties or the guarding of the public honor, trusting to the good sense and justice of their lawful creditors to consider the unavoidable causes which have contributed to cripple the resources of the State for the time being, and to grant to the commonwealth such relief as the circumstances and the interests of all demand.

Mr. Liddell moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Cordill called for the year and nays, with the following result:

Yeas-Messrs, Carville, Coco, Coleman, Du-

Yeas—Messrs. Carville, Coco. Coleman, Ducote, Guidry, Hawkias, Hay. Hill, Hightower, Landry, Liddell, Lyons, Murrell, McElroy, O'Bryan, Smart, Schumpert, Vance—18.
Nays—Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Cordill, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Dupaty, Durio. Frazier, Gubernator, Hart, Hite, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Marquez, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Robeson, Ryland, Sharp, Steele. Smith of Jackson, Scott, Torrey, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Welsh, Wise. Young—38. Wise, Young-38.

The motion to lay upon the table was lost. On motion of Mr. Murrell the further consideration of the resolution was postponed until to-morrow at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Brown, of Jefferson, offered a

"Memorial from the Mayor and Council of the city of Kenner, protesting against the repeal of the act of said incorporation."

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

JOINT SESSION.

A message having been received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, to ballot for a United States Senator,

The House being ready to receive the Sen-

ate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs, Benners, Bowden, Ducros, Ellis, Garland, Harding, Herron, Kelly, Kenner, Merkel, Mitchell, Norwood, Perkins, Sandi-ford, Stubbs, Texada, Wells, Williams, Zacharie.

Nineteen Senators present.

The roll of the House being called, the following named members answered to their names:

Hon. J. C. Moneure, Speaker, and Messrs. Armstrong, Barthelmy, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Conio, Coleman, Cordill, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Durio, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hasan, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Liddell, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Murrell, McElroy, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Redon, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Steele, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh, Wise, Young. Jefferson, Carron, Carter,

Sixty-seven members present.

The following nominations were made:

Gen. J. B. Hood,

Wm. Murrell.

J. S. Billieu,

J. L. Harris,

A. B. George,

N. C. Blanch ard,

Chas. C. Lea.

The roll of the Senate was called, when

Senators Bowden, Herron, Norwood, Perkins, Texada and Zacharie voted for Mr. J. L. Harris-6 votes.

Senators Ellis, Kelly. Kenner, Mitchell, Sandiford, Stubbs and Williams voted for Mr. N. C. Blanchard-7 votes.

Senators Benners, Fout-not and Harding

voted for Hon. Chas. E. Lea-3 votes. The roll of the House was called, when

Messrs. Barthelmy, Brown of Jefferson, Demas and Hawkins voted for the Hon. Wm. Murrell-4 votes.

Messrs. McElroy, Reaney, Robeson, Taylor and Young voted for the Hon. J. B. Hood-5

Messrs. Bienvenu, Estopinal, Guidry and Fitzgerald voted for the Hon. J. S. Billieu-4 votes.

Messrs. Carron, Cordill, Davis, Gearey, Jones, Liddell, Lyons, Nealey, Nettles, Pope, Potts, Sharp, Smart, Scott, Torrey, Vance,

Vidrine, Walton and Wise voted for the Hon. J. L. Harrls-19 votes.

Messrs. Carter, Carville, Hay, Martin of Claiborne, and Ross voted for the Hon. A. B. George-5 votes.

Messrs. Moncure, Armstrong, Bower, Davidson of Red River, Gordon, Gubernator Hasam, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jenkins, Landry, Lauer, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Munday, O'Bryan, Scratchley, Steele, Smith of Jackson, Schumpert, Watson and Welsh voted for Mr. N. C. Blanchard-22 votes.

Messrs. Dupaty, Parmelee and Redon voted for Hon. C. E. Lea-3 votes.

Mr. Coco voted for the Hon. L. Texada-1 vote.

Mr. Davidson, of Iberville, voted for C. F. Brown-1 vote.

Mr. Warmoth voted for Col. James Lingan-1 vote.

Messrs. Coleman, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary and Veazey voted blank-4 votes.

Eighty-six members voting.

The President announced that there had been no election, and, on motion of Mr. Norwood, the Senate withdrew.

AFTER JOINT SESSION.

The call of the roll was dispensed with.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The special orders of the day being House tills, as follows:

House bill No. 152,

"An act making appropriations to cover deficiencies of former years, to be paid out of the revenues of such years.'

House bill No. 151,

"An act making an appropriation for transferring the records of State tax suits brought by the State of Louisiana in the late Superior District Court for the parish of Orleans to the Third District Court of Orleans."

House bill No. 56,

"An act for the relief of J. Lud. Williams. assessor for the parish of DeSoto, for taking the census of DeSoto parish, and providing compensation therefor."

House bill No. 61,

"An act providing for the payment of the judgment rendered by the Sixth District Court, parish of Orleans, against the State of Louisiana in favor of T.C.W. Ellis, in suit No. 9931."

On the motion of Mr. Pope, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House for the purpose of considering the above entitled bills.

[Mr. Lyons in the chair.]

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The committee of the whole, on rising, re-

ported through its chairman that the committee of the whole had considered

House bill No. 152,

"An act making appropriations to cover the deficiencies of former years, to be paid out of the revenues of such years,"

And had agreed to sundry amendments thereto, and the committee recommend the adoption of the am indiments and the passage of the bill as amended.

On the motion of Mr. Pope all the amendments recommended by the committee of the whole were adopted, except the following:

Add after line 74, "Appropriation for the relief of the New Orleans School Board, out of the current school fund of 1877, \$10,000; out of the current school fund of 1878, \$40,000.

"That the Superintendent of Public Education be authorized to place to the credit of the city of New Orleans the first moveys collected from the back taxes of the respective years to the school fund; provided, that no payment of any warrant against the school funds of sa'd years shall be made except to those who are the owners and original payees, and have remained the owners of said warrants from the issue thereof to the payment of the same-to be made to appear by the affidavit indorsed on the warrant of the claimant,"

On the motion to adopt the foregoing amendment. Mr. Bridger called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

And nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Coleman, Cordid, Cunningham, Denas, De uir, Estopinal, Gordon, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkirs, Hite, Holzhab, Jeftries, Lauer, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee Nettles, Par nelee, Pope, Potts, Rabonin, Reaney, Redon, Scratchley, Steele, Smith of St. Mary, Schumpert, Taylor, Veazey, Walton, Watson, Wise—47.

Nays—Messrs, Bridger, Bourgeois, Carter, Carville, Cono, Frazier, Guidry, Hay, Hightower, Jeakins, Jones, Landry, Liddell, Mixon, Nedley, O'Bryan, Robeson, Ross, Smart, Scott, Torrey, Vance, Welsh—26.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr Carville offered the following amendment:

Insert in line 108, "For the assessor of the parish of Iberville, for taking the census of said parish, \$870."

The motion to amend was lost.

Mr. Parmelee moved to amend by inserting in line - the words "and the five clerks employed in the office of Registrar of Voters from May to August 1878, \$1500."

The amendment was adopted by a rising vote of 38 yeas to 28 nays.

amended in the committee of the whole, together with the above amendment of Mr. Parmelee, was ordered to be considered as engrossed, reading as follows:

House bill No. 152,

An act making appropria ions to cover de-ficiencies of former years, to be paid out

of the revenues of such years.
Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and they are hereby appropriated to cover deficiencies of former vears, out of the funds hereinafter named, said amounts to be paid from the revenues of such years.

Appropriation for recording lists of for-feited lands, for non-payment of taxes for the year 1877, out of the revenues for the year

1878, two thousand dollars, \$2000.

Appropriation for publishing constitutional amendments for the year 1876, out of the revenues of 1876, twelve hundred dollars, \$1200.

Appropriation for publishing the proposed constitutional amendments in the country parishes, for the year 1878, out of the revenues of 1878, twelve thousand dollars, \$12,000.

Appropriation for printing done in the year 1878, out of the revenues of 1878, ten thousand dollars, \$10,000.

Appropriation for publishing delinquent lists for the year 1876, out of the revenues of 1877, twenty-two hundred dollars, \$2200.

Appropriation for publishing delinquent lists for the year 1877, out of the revenues of 1878, five thousand dollars, \$5000.

Appropriation to pay Ed. Maher and Bernard Denahoussaye, State-House keepers, for a deticiency in their salaries for the year 1878, three hundred (\$300) dollars each, \$600; and the five clerks employed in the office of the Registrar of Voters, from May 1 to August 31, 1878, fifteen hundred dollars, \$1500.

Appropriation to pay Board of State Assessant

Appr priation to pay Board of State Assessors city of New Orleans, out of the general fund of the revenus of the year 1877, to cover deficiency of appropriation for salaries and necessary expenses, from January 1 to April 20, 1877, inclusive, the sum of ten thousand six hundred and seventy-three dollars, \$10,673.

Appropriation to Recorder of Conveyances of the city of New Orleans, for furnishing certificates of transfer to Board of Assessors, parish of Orleans, five hundred and seventy-three dollars and fifty cents, out of the revenues of 1878, \$573 50.

Appropriation for reimbursement of moneys paid in error into the treasury of the State, one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the revenues of 1878, \$1000.

Appropriation to refund State taxes twice paid into the State treasury by T. S. Dugan in the year 1877, payable out of the taxes of 1876, one hundred and one dollars and seventy-five cents, \$101 75.

Appropriation to pay deficiencies in salaries of parish judges for the year 1877, payable out of the revenues of that year, forty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, \$40,000.

ote of 38 years to 28 mays.

On the motion of Mr. Pope the bill as lector of the parish of East Carroll, to refund

oneys erroneously pald into the State easury, one hundred and seventy-six dollars nd tv enty cents, out of the revenues of 1878,

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Appropriation to pay deficiencles in salaries parish judges for the year 1878, to be pald at of the revenues collectible for that year, he sum of forty thousand dollars, or so such thereof as may be necessary, \$40,000.

Appropriation for the relief of the New Orans School Board, out of the current school and of 1877, ten thousand dollars, \$10,000. Out of the current school fund of 1878, forty

ons and dollars, \$40,000.
That the Superintendent of Public Education be authorized to place to the credit of the ty of New Orleans the first moneys collected om the back taxes of the respective years to be school fund; provided, that no payment any warrant against the school funds of the hid years shall be made, except to those who re the owners and original pavees and have emained the owners of said warrants from he issue thereof to the payment of the same be made to appear by the affidavit indorsed a the warrant of the claimant.

Appropriation to pay district attorneys in bunitry parishes who represented this State cases pending before the Supreme Court, the year 1877, at Opelousas and Monroe, nder act No. 8s, for the year 1867, out of the venues collectible for that year, the sum of

ve hundred dollars, \$500.

Appropriation to pay district attorneys in puntry parishes who represented the State in fises pending before the Supreme Court, in ne year 1878, at Opelousas and Monroe, under ct No. 88, for the year 1867, out of the reve-ues collectible for that year, five hundred ollars, or so much thereof as may be necesary, \$500.

Appropriation to pay deficiencies in salaries f district attorneys for the year 1877 out of evenues collectible for that year, fifteen

undre I dollars, \$1500. Appropriation to pay salaries of fifty-four ssessors as registrars of voters for the year 377, under act No. 101, extra session 1877, ection 15, out of the rev nues collectible for hat year, the sum of two hundred dollars ach, making the sum of ten thousand eight undred dollars, or so much thereof as may

Appropriation to pay assessors for taking ensus, under act No. 23, extra session 378, in parishes of Iberville, St. James, Madistration (Johogna and DeSoto out ou, Assumption, Claiborne and DeSoto, out f the revenues collectible for that year, the um of two hundred dollars each, making the um of twelve hundred dollars, or so much hereof as may be necessary, \$1200. Appropriation for the tuition, maintenance

nd support of State or beneficiary cadets at he Louisiana State University in the year 873, in accordance with act 31, extra session f the Legislature, 1870,—services rendered in coordance with law, but no appropriation rade, approved by Auditor, of Public Ac-ounts, and recommended to be paid in ounts, and recommended to be paid in Juditor's report of 1874—payable out of the evenues of the year 1873, the sum of eleven housand five hundred and fifty dollars, 11,550

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this et shall take effect from and after its pas-

On the further motion of Mr. Popa, the rules

were suspended in order to place the bill on its third reading and final passage.

On the final passage, Mr. Detiege called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yens—Speaker Moncure and Messrs Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bowe, Brown of Tensas, Carter, Cordil, Cunningham, Estopinal, Gordon, Hammond, Hari, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hightower, cumung ham, Estopinal, Gordon, Hammond, Harl, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hightower, Hotzhalb, Jeffries, Laner, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Netbles, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabonin, Reaney, Red n, Ryland, Scratchley, Steele, South of St. Mary, Taylor, Forrey, Vance, Veazey, Walton, Watson, Wise—49.

Navs—Bourzeois, Carville, Demas, Detiene

Navs-Bourgeois, Carville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Frazier, Hite, Jenkins, Jones, Lan-dry, Martin of Claiborne, Mixon, Nealey, Robeson, Ross, Smart, Scott—17.

The bill was passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Pope moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

ENATE CHAMBER. New Orleans, January 29, 1879.

Tithe Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following:

Senate bill No. 108, "Joint Resolution calling upon the Board of State Engineers to make report of the hydrographic and topographic survey of Bayou Tecne.

Also, to inform your honorable body that the Senate concurs in House bill No. 25,

"An act in relation to appeals to the Supreme Court of the State from the parishes of Caddo, Bossier and De Soto."

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG.

Secretary of the Senate. On the motion of Mr. Potts,

House bill No. 14.

"An act to amend and re-enact section 2 of act approved March 11, 1878, entitled 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authorize the company to make its mortgage bonds and secure them by a first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pledge of said mortgage bonds to the State, and the terms thereof, and to regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds."

Was taken up and reassigned as the special order of the day for to-morrow at 1 o'clock

p. m. On the motion of Mr. Hill,

House bill No. 160,

"An act to provide for the speedy collection

of State taxes and licenses, city taxes and licenses in the parish of Orleans; to provide for jurisdiction of the district courts, and divest justices' courts of jurisdiction in tax and license cases; relative to the duties of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, tax collectors and the State Auditor; prescribing certain duties and fees relative to the remission of penalties and forfeitures; the receipt of evidences of debt for licenses and taxes, and the duties of the civil sheriff for the parish of Orleans in the collection of taxes,"

Was taken up, and the special order thereon was vacated, and the bill was placed upon the calendar, to be considered in its regular

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

House bill No. 68.

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to authorize and empower the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana to detain and disinfect, and to pass after disinfection, vessels from infected ports at and from quarantine stations, in lieu of a time-quarantine detention, in certain cases, and to repeal conflicting laws,' approved March 24, 1876,"

Was taken up on the favorable report of the Committee on Health and Quarantine.

Mr. Ryland moved that the bill be taken as

By a rising vote of 25 yeas to 28 nays the motion to engross was lost.

House bill No. 69,

"An act to amend and re-enact an act, including the title thereof, entitled 'An act to provide for gauging and inspecting coal oils and illuminating oils derived wholly or in part from coal or petroleum; to regulate the sale and disposition of the same; to prohibit, in certain cases, the sale or disposition of illuminating oils or fluids dangerous to life or property, and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act,"

Was taken up u der the favorable report of the Committee on Health and Quarantine.

Mr. Ryland moved to amend the bill in section 7 by striking out the words "open test," and inscrting in lieu thereof, "closed test."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Bienvenu offered the following amendment

Strike out the words "Board of Health" wherever they occur in this act and insert in lieu thereof the words, "City Council of, New Orleans."

Mr. Ryland moved that the amendment be

laid on the table.

On the motion to lay the amendment on made the special order of the day for 2 o'clock.

the table Mr. Bienvenu called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Brent, Bridger, Cunningham,
Gubernator, Hammond, Hay, Hightower,
Jones, Landry, Liddell, Lott, Martin of St.
Landry, Mixon, Munday, Nealey, O'Bryan,
Pope, Robeson, Ryland, Smart, St ele, Torrey, Walton, Welsh—24.

Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson,
Carville, Como, Demas, Decuir, Frazier, Guidry, Harr, Hasam, Hawkins, Hill, Hite, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Marquez, Murrell, McElroy,
McKee, Parmelee, Renney, Redon, Scratchley, Scott, Taylor, Vance, Veazey, Wise—32.

Pending the consideration of this bill Mr.

Pending the consideration of this bill Mr. Ryland moved to adjourn to 11 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Before the motion to adjourn was put, on the motion of Mr. Hill the journal of the twenty-eighth was taken up, corrected and adopted.

The motion to adjourn to 11 o'clock a. m. to-morrow was carried.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Twenty-First Day's Proceedings

House of Representatives. State of Louisian New Orleans, Thursday, January 30, 1879.

The House was called to order by Speaker Moncure at 11 o'clock a. m.

Moncure at 11 o'clock a. m.

Present—Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and
Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Billien,
Bienvenn, Bower, Bourgeois, Carron, Carter,
Coco, Como, Davidson of Ret River, Dennas,
Decuir, Ducote, Durio, Fitzgerard, Frazier,
Guidry, Gordon, Hammond, Hart, Hawkins,
Hav, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Liddell, Lott,
Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan,
Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharo, Stechmann, Schumpert, Veazey, land, Sharp, Stechmann, Schumpert, Veazey, Vidrine, Watson, Wise, Young.

Fifty-eight members and a quorum.

The journal of the twenty-ninth was adopted.

Mr. Hill asked and obtained leave to call up House bill No. 160,

"An act to provide for the speedy collection of State taxes and licenses, city taxes and licenses in the parish of Orleans; to provide for jurisdiction of the district courts, and divest justices' courts of jurisdict on in tax and license cases; relative to the duties of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, tax collectors and the State Auditor; prescribing certain duties and fees relative to the remission of penalties and forfeitures; the receipt of evidences of debt for licenses and taxes, and the duties of the civil sheriff for the parish of Orleans in the collection of taxes."

On his motion, the above entitled bill was

Mr. Brent offered the following resolution:

Ordered, That the daily order of business of the House after the calling of the roll, and action on the journal, shall be the consideration of its calendar; provided, that all special orders shall hold good unless otherwise ordered, and after such special orders are finished, then the consideration of the calendar shall be renewed.

On the motion of Mr. Brent, under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Billieu asked and obtained leave to call up his report as chairman of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications on the case of H. E. Gilmore, contesting the seat of H. C. Warmoth, of the parish of Plaquemines.

Mr. Liddell moved to postpone the consideration of said report and resolution until Saturday.

By a rising vote of 17 yeas to 34 nays the motion to postpone was lost.

The resolution was read, as follows:

Resolved, That H. C. Warmoth be and is hereby declared legally entitled to a seat in the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana as a Representative of the parish of Plaquemines.

Mr. Lingan, counsel for the contestant, addressed the House.

JOINT SESSION.

A massage having been received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, to ballot for a United States Senator,

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Breaux, Benners, Bowden, Delahoussaye, Ellis, Fontenot, Garland, Harper, Kelly, Mitchell, Perkins, Sandiford, Scanland, Stubbs, Wells, Williams, Zacharie—17.

Absent—Messrs. Bryant, Cage, Cahen, DeBouchel, Ducros, Gla, Harding, Herron, Kenner, Landry, Merkel, Norwood, Richardson, Stamps, Steven, Sutton, Texada, Walles, Whoolar, 19 Wheeler-19.

Seventeen Senators present.

The roll of the House was called, the following named members answered to their

Hon. J. C. Moneure, Speaker, and Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Cordill, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jef-

fries, Jenkins, Londry, Laner, Liddell, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Munday, Marquez, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKe O'Bryan, Pope, Potts, Robeson, Ross, Ryland McKee, Neatey, Nettles, otts, Rabouin, Reaney, Steele, Steehmann, Smith of St. Mary, Smart, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Verzey, Vidrine, Warmoth, Wise, Young.

Seventy-one members present.

The following nominations were nade:

P. B. S. Pinchback.

N. B. Trist.

J. W. Sandiford.

Thos. Overton.

Henry Demas.

The roll of the Senate was called, when

Senator Stamps voted for the Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback-1 vote.

Senator Sandiford voted for the Hon. N. B. Trist-1 vote.

Senators Ellis, Kelly, Mitchell, Williams and Zacharie voted for the Hon. J. W. Sandiford-6 votes.

The roll of the House was called, when Messrs. Arnauld, Bienvenu, Dupaty, Fitzgerald, Gubernator, Hart, Hill, Lauer, Marquez, McElroy, Nettles, Rabouin, Strechmann, Taylor and Young voted for N. B. Trist-15 votes.

Messrs. Brown, Coleman, Hite and Murrell voted for the Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback-4 votes.

Messrs. Armstrong, Carter, Davidson of Red River, Gearey, Guidry, Hay, Hightower, Jenkins, O'Bryan, Potts, Ryland, Smart and Steele voted for the Hon. J. W. Sandiford-13 votes.

Messrs. Billieu, Carville, Coco, Decuir, Ducote, Landry, Nealey, Reaney and Veazey voted for the Hon. Thos. Overton-9 votes.

Mr. Bower voted for the Hon. J. L. Brent-1 vote.

Mr. Como voted for Pierre Landry-1 vete. Messrs. Davidson of Iberville and Warmoth voted for C. F. Brown-2 votes.

Messrs. Demas and Smith of St. Mary voted for Stamps-2 votes.

Mr. Hite voted for Hon. Henry Demas-1 vote.

Messrs. Hammond and Holzhalb voted for the Hon. L. A. Wiltz-2 votes.

Messrs. Lyons and Munday voted for the Hon. M. J. Liddell—2 votes.

Mr. Liddell voted for R. G. Cobb-1 vote.

Messrs. Jeffries, Pope, Sharp, Schumpert. Scott and Vidrine voted blank-6 votes.

Total—68 votes.

The President announced that there had been no election.

On motion, the Senate withdrew.

AFTER JOINT SESSION.

The call of the roll was dispensed with.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

MENATE CHAMBER, ! New Orleans, January 30, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following Senate bills:

Senate bill No. 2, entitled

"An act for the relief of the Board of Trus-tees for Presbyterian Publications in New Orleans."

Senate bill No. 85, entitled "An act to authorize the mayor and selectmen of the town of Plaquemines to provide for funding the floated indebtedness of said town; to verify the legality of said indebtedness, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest thereof by a special tax tor that purpose, and to limit the rate of interest on said indebtedness."

Senate bill No. 92, entitled

"An act for the relief of John, Lucy, Kate, and Minerva Hays, the minor children and heirs of the late Harry T. Hays, by the remission of State and municipal taxes on certain real estate in the city of New Orleaus, belonging to said heirs, for and during the time the said real estate was held by its pur-chasers at its confiscation sale; the said es-tate having been confiscated and sold under the confiscation laws of the United States as the property of said Harry T. Hays, and bought by Rufus Waples in 1865, and held by him until July, 1878, without paying the State or city taxes accruing on said estate during that time."

Senate bill No. 96, entitled

"An act to amend act No. 106 of 1873."

Senate bill No. 98, entitled

"An act for the relief of Daniel Kelly, and

to authorize him to sue the State.

Senate bill No. 14, entitled "Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, returning the thanks of the people of Louisiana to those citizens of the other States of the Union, and of foreign countries, who contributed to the relief of the Louisiana sufferers from the yellow fever epidemic of 1878.

Senate bill No. 100, entitled

"An act for the relief of the heirs of Charles M. Conrad, deceased."

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Billieu, chairman on Elections and Qualifications, moved that the report of the committee on the case of H. E. Gilmore, contesting the seat of H. C. Warmoth, of the parish of Piaquemines, be adopted.

Under a suspension of the rules, the report

was adopted.

On the further motion of Mr. Billieu, the accompanying resolution to the report was adopted.

Mr. Billieu moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The special order of the day being House bill No. 14,

"An act to amend and re-enact section 2 of act approved March 11, 1878, entitled 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authorize the company to make its morgage bonds and secure them by a first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pleage of said mortgage bonds to the State, and the terms thereof, and to regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds,"

Wastaken up.

Pending the amendment offered by Mr. Ryland, Mr. Potts moved that the amendment offered by Mr. Ryland be laid on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was lost, and the amendment, on motion of Mr. Lyons, was adopted.

Mr. Potts moved that the bill be taken as engrossed, and on that motion the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas—Messis, Armstrong, Brent, Bourgeois, Carter, Coco, Cordill, Davidson of Red River, Demas, Gearey, Gordon, Hammond

River, Demas, Gearey, Gordon, Hammond, Hasam, Jeffries, Jenkins, Landry, Martin of St. Landry, Murcell, Pope, Potts, Ross, Ryland, Scratchle, Schumpert, Forrey, Vance, Walton, Warmoth, Watson, Wise—29, Nays—Mes-srs. Arnauld, Barthelmy, Bilieu, Bienvenu, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Detiege, Decuir, Ducote, Durio, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Hart, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Hightower, Holzbalb, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lot, Lvons, Marquez, Mixon, McElroy, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Rabouin, Reaney, Robeson, Smart, Smith o' St. Mary, Vidrine, Young—41. Vidrine, Young-41.

The motion to consider as engrossed was

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, | New Orleans, January 30 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate concurs in House bill No. 150,

"An act to enable owners of immovable property to test the legality of any mortgage or privilege claimed by the State.

Also in

House bill No. 32,

"An act to authorize T. A. Flanagan to sue the State,

With an amendment as annexed to the bill. Also, to inform you that the Senate concurs

House Concurrent Resolution, "Relative to the improvement of the unvigation of Lake Bisteneau and its tributaries.
Respectfully, JOHN CLEGG, Respectfully,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Mr. Smart, for Mr. Bridger, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

Rooms Committee on Enrollment, New Orleans, January 30, 1879. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Recresentatives:

Your committee beg leave to report as correctly enrolled

House bill No. 25,

"An act in relation to appeals to the Supreme Court of the State from the parishes of Caddo, Bossier and DeSoto.

E. E. SMART. Acting Chairman.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following messages were received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, January 29, 1879

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed

House bill entitled, "An act to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled, 'An act to provide for sup plying the loss of the public records and other papers consumed by the burning of the court-house in the parish of Winn, during the month of February, 1868, approved Sep-tember 3, 1868.'"

Very respectfully FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS,

Governor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. State of Louisiana, New Orleans, January 30, 1879

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives: I have the honor to inform you that I have

this day signed and approved

House bill entitled "An act in relation to appeals to the Su-preme Court of the State from the parishes of Caddo, Bossier and DeSoto."

Very respectfully

FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS,

Governor. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, State of Louisiana,

New Orleans, January 30, 1879.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened:

I have the honor to submit herewith account rendered by H. N. Ogden, Attorney General, of expenditures under appropriations for his contingent fund; also, his annual report. Very respectfully, FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS.

Governor.

The report and account, on motion of Mr. Lyons, were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

[Mr. Hill in the chair.]

Under the resolution of the Heuse, adopted this morning, the regular calendar was taken up, as follows:

House bill No. 35.

"An act to provide for the appointment of additional police jurors for the parish of East Carroll,"

Was taken up on its third reading.

On the motion of Mr. Murrell the vote by which this bill was ordered to be considered as engrossed, January 28, was reconsidered.

Mr. Murrell offered the following amendment:

Add at the end of the second section the following words: "Provided, the provisions of this act shall also apply to the parish of Madison; authorizing the Governor to appoint three members of the Police Jury of said parish of Madison."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Barthelmy presented a memorial of the citizens of East Carroll relating to the subject matter of the bill.

The memorial was read for the information of the House.

Mr. Lott moved that the rules be suspended in order that the bill might be taken as engrossed.

On this motion the year and nays were called for, with the following result:

Arnauld, Brecoo, Cordill, Brent, Buneu, ordill, Davidson Hasam, Yeas — Messrs. Red River, Estopinal, Hart,
Red River, Hill, Hightower, Bower, of Red River, Estopman, of Red River, Estopman, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Robeson, Ryland, Smart, Stechnoor, Scott, Torrey, Walton, Warmoth,

Nays — Messrs. Barthelmy, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Ducote, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Hite, Smith of St. Mary, Veazey—15.

The motion to suspend the rules was carried and the bill was ordered to be considered as engrossed.

The bill was read a third time.

On the final passage of the bill Mr. Detiege called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Speaker Moncure and Messrs. Arnauld, Brent, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carter, Coco, Cordill, Davidson of R d River, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, Nealey, Nettles, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Raboun, Reaney, Robeson, Ryland, Smart, Scott, Torrey, Walton, Wat-

Nysand, Smart, Scott, Folicy, Match, Masson, Welsh, Wise, Young—43.

Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Bourgeois.
Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Ducote, Fitzgerald, Hite, Smith of

St. Mary, Veazey, Warmoth-16.

And the bill was passed.

Mr. Demas, rising to a point of order, sub-

mitted the point that the amendment of Mr. Murrell was off-red while the bill was on its third reading, and that the reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was ordered to be taken as engrossed January 28 was not sufficient to open the bill to amendment, without a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was put upon its third reading.

Mr. Hill, chairman, ruled that the reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was ordered to be taken as engrossed did not open the bill for amendment, unless the vote by which it passed to its third reading was also reconsidered.

Mr. Murrell appealed from the decision of the Chair,

And the question was put:

"Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained as the sense of the House?"

On this motion Mr. Demas called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Arnauld, Barthelmy, Billieu, Reas—Messis, Amadul, Battelini, Barton, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Coco, Cordill, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Fitzgerald, Hammond, Hasam, Hightower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Lid-dell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McErroy, Neal-y, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Lidell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McElroy, Neal-y, Netties, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouio, Redon, Ryland, Sharp, Steek, Stechmann, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Veazey, Walton, Wise, Young—48.

Nays—Messrs. Brown of Jefferson, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Ducote, Hawkins, Hite, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary—12.

Detiege, Decuir, Ducote, Harvell, Smith of St. Mary—12.

The ruling of the Chair was sustained.

On the motion of Mr. Lott the title of the bill was adopted.

Mr. Lott moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill finally passed, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY. The special order of the day, being

House bill No. 160,

"An act to provide for the speedy collection of State taxes and licenses, city taxes and licenses in the parish of Orleans; to provide for jurisdiction of the district courts, and divest justices' courts of jurisdiction in tax and license eases; relative to the duties of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, tax collectors and the State Auditor; prescribing certain duties and fees relative to the remission of penalties and forfeitures; the receipt of evidences of debt for licenses and taxes, and the duties of the civil sheriff for the parish of Orleans in the collection of taxes,"

Was taken up.

Mr. Bienvenu offered an amendment.

mitted to the Committee on City Affairs, with amendments, and with instructions to report by printed bill as a substitute to-morrow, January 31, at 2 o'clock p.m., and the bill was fixed as the special order for that

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 30, 1879.

To the the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to imform you that the Senate has passed and asks your concurrence in the following Senate bill No. 101,

"An act for the relief of Geo. W. Dupre, State Printer.

State Finner.
Senate bill No. 109,
"Joint Resolution to authorize the Governor of the State to take legal proceedings against the North Louiciana and Texas Railroad Company.

Also to inform you that the Senate concurs

House bill No. 39,

"An act donating certain lands to the Red River and Mississippi Railroad Company, and declaring the forfeiture of said lands by the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas Railroad Company

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG. Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, January 30, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate concurs in

House bill No. 29

"An act to authorize the Police Jury of Iberia parish to levy and collect a special tax of three mills for a term of years to build a court-house and jail, and to pledge the same for that purpose, and providing for the collection and disbursement thereof."

And to ask your concurrence in the follow-

ing:

Senate bill No. 106, entitled "An act for the relief of J. V. Calhoun."

Senate bill No. 90, entitled

"Joint Resolution to authorize the Governor to take the necessary steps to recover 500,000 acres of swamp lands," etc.

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Ryland, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Health and Quarantine, submitted the following report:

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND Quaran in e. New Orleans, January 30, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of of Representatives: Your Committee on Public Health and Quarantine beg leave to make the following

report: On Senate bill No. 51, favorably, with amendments.

R. H. RYLAND, Chairman.

Mr. Cordill called up the special order of the On motion of Mr. Hill, the bill was recom- day for 2:30 p. m., being the following

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The default of the January coupons on the State consols and the calling of a constitutional convention have excited much uneashess in the public mind, and given rise to wild rumors of the intention to disregard the plighted faith of the State towards its

creditors:

ereditors:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring. That it is the intention of the people of the State to pay all of its honest obligations, and in no respect desire to disregard the rights of parties or the guarding of the public honor, trusting to the good sense and justice of their lawful creditors to consider the unavoidable causes which have contributed to cripple the resources of the State for the time being, and to grant to the commonwealth such relief as to grant to the commonwealth such relief as the circumstances and interests of all demand.

Mr. Jeffries moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Subsequently Mr. Jeffries withdrew his motion to refer to the Committee on Ways and Means, and moved that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On which motion Mr. Demas called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Arnauld, Brent, Bienvenu, Carron, Coco, Davidson of Red River, Hammond, Hasam, Hay, Hightower, Jeffries, Jones, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Mixon, Munday, Nealey, Nettles, Parmelee, Potts, Rabouin, Sharp, Schumpert, Torrey, Wise—

28.
Nays—Mesers, Billieu, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Coleman, Cordill, Demas, Decurr, Duville, Coleman, Cordill, Cubernator, Hawpaty, Estepinal, Frazier, Gubermator, Hawkins, Hite, Horzhalb, Landry, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Murrell, Pope, Ryaney, Redon, Ross, Ryland, Scratchley, Smith of St. Mary, Taylor, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Warmoth, Watson and Welsh—35.

The motion to refer was lost.

Mr. Walton moved that the further consideration of the Concurrent Resolution be indefinitely postponed.

a.m.

Mr. Warmoth moved to amend the Concurrent Resolution by striking out the word "honest" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "funded."

Pending the motion of Mr. Warmoth, on the motion of Mr. Lyons, the House adjourned until Friday, January 31, at 11 o'clock

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Twenty-second Day's Proceedings.

House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, Friday, January 31, 1879. House was called to order The o'clock a. m. by Speaker Moncure. Present: Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Board,

Bower, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Coco, Coleman, Cordill Demas, Decuir, Ducote, Durlo, Frazer, Guidry, Hammond, Hawkins, Hill, man, Cordill, Demas, Deculy, Dilecte, Dirrio, Frazer, Guidry, Hammord, Hawkins, Hill, Hite, Hightower, H-Izhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Rabonin, Redon, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Vance, Venzey, Vidrine, Watson, Wise, Young.

Fifty-four members present and a quorum.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tardy.

Reading of the journal dispensed with, corrected and adopted.

Mr. Brent offered the following resolution: Resolved, That at 3:30 o'clock p. m. the House take a recess until 7:30 p. m., and upon reassembling the House will proceed only to consider local bills on the calendar.

On the motion of Mr. Brent the rules were suspended and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Bower presented the following preamble and resolution:

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT A MASS MEETING OF CITIZENS HELD JAN-UARY 28, 1879.

Whereas, we recognize the fact that a good system of public education is the very foundation of a great and prosperous republic; and

Whereas, we observe with the deepest sorsow and concern that the public schools in New Orleans are in so critical a condition, financially, as to be in serious danger of becoming a sad wreck of their former grandeur and excellence; and that our teachers, who have labored so zealously, ably and conscientiously to preserve the efficiency of these, the noblest institutions in the land, are most inadequately and irregularly paid for their invaluable services, therefore be it Resolved, That we, the friends and patrons

of public education in New Orleans, in assem-bly here to-night, appreciating the fact afore-said, and feeling unwilling to further bear the weight of the evils oppressing our educational interests, do soleronly pledge ourselves to give our warmest support, moral and political, to our well beloved public schools, to the end that they may be all that they have been in the past—the promoters of intelligence, the preservers of peace and good order, and the true expression of the highest instincts and purposes of the community.

Resolved, That as an earnest of our sincerity in the cause of popular education we bind ourselves to make the interest of the public schools a prominent feature in the election of candidates to the constitutional convention, and to endeavor to secure the wisest legislation on the subject, b-lieving, with the patriot, that the training of the children of each com-monwealth for intelligent suffrage is the only safeguard for the perpetuity of a republican form of government

Resolved, That in order to more effectually accomplish our purpose, we unite our efforts to enlist all good citizens in the just cause which has convened us here this night.

And be it further resolved, That a committee of citizens be appointed who shall lay the facts as aforesaid before the Legislature now in session, and solicat from that body such immediate relief in the premises as their wisdom may suggest.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted. Hon. John McEnery, Dr. J. S. Copes, Walter V. Crouch, Esq., Hon. Louis Bush, E. M. V. Crouch, Esq., Hon. Louis Bush, E. M. Hudson, Esq., and Anthony Vizard were appointed a committee to present the resolutions to the Legislature.

B. T. WALSHE, Chairman.

WALTER V. CROUCH, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Billieu, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, submitted the following reports:

MAJORITY REPORT.

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS and Qualifications New Orleans, January 31, 1879.)

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The undersigned, members of your Committee on Elections and Qualifications, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the contested case between Lea vs. from the parish of St. Helena, and Watson, submit the accompanying resolution for your adoption:

Resolved, That J. M. Watson be and is hereby confirmed in his seat as a member of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana from the parish of St. Helena.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN S. BILLIEU, Chairman;
G. W. MUNDAY,
C. A. BOURGEOIS,
S. F. PARMELEE.

MINORITY REPORT.

Rooms Committee on Elections and Qualifications. New Orleans. January 31, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives:

The undersigned, members of your Committee on Elections and Qualifications, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the contested case of Lea vs. Watson, from the parish of St. Helena, and submit the

accompanying resolution for your adoption:

Resolved, That C.E. Lea be and is hereby declared elected to the House of Representatives of the State of parish of St. Helena. Louisiana from the

Respectfully submitted

R. D. BRIDGER, WM. E. FITZGERALD, THOS. J. MIXON, LUCIEN COMO.

Mr. Smart, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Parochial Affairs beg

leave to make the following report:

Favorably on

Senate bill No. 21,
"An act to authorize the Police Jury of the parish of Morehouse to levy a special tax of four and one-half mills during the year 1879, and to make the outstanding indebtedness of sa'd parish recoverable in payment of the same.

Favorably on Senate bill No. 43,

"An act to authorize the Police Jury of the

parish of Iberville to levy a special tax to pay its floating debt.

Respectfully submitted. E. E. SMART, Chairman.

Mr. Cordill, chairman on behalf of the Committee on Lands and Levees, submitted the following report:

Rooms Committee on Lands and Levees, New Orleans, January 24, 1879 To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

house of Representatives:
Your Committee on Lands and Levees, to
whom was referred House bill No. 63, report unfavorably, for the reason that House bill No. 134 covers the bill

C. C. CORDILL, Chairman.

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON LANDS AND LEVEES.) New Orleans, January 25, 1879. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Lands and Levees, to whom was referred House bill No. 19, reported favorably by a former special committee, consisting of one member from each parish interested, and by this select committee recommended its reference to this Committee on Lands and Levees, beg leave to report the same back to this honorable body, with their approval, as amended, and ask the adoption of this bill.

C. C. CORDILL, Chairman Committee on Lands and Levees.

Mr. Hill, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on City Affairs, in accordance with the order of the House, reported

House bill No. 160,

"An act to provide for the speedy collection of State taxes and licenses, city taxes and licenses in the parish of Orleans; to provide for jurisdiction of the district courts, and divest justices' courts of jurisdiction in tax and license cases; relative to the duties of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, tax collectors and the State Auditor: prescribing certain duties and fees relative to the remission of penalties and forfeitures; the receipt of evidences of debt for licenses and taxes, and the duties of the civil sheriff for the parish of Orleans in the collection of taxes,"

With amendments in the form of a printed

To be considered at 2 p. m., as the special order of the day.

Mr. Jenkins, chairman, on behalf the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

> ROOMS OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS, ! New Orleans, Jahuary 29, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Claims, having had under consideration the following bills and petitions, etc., beg leave to submit the following report: Favorably on

House bill No. 124.

"An act to authorize the Merchants' Mu-

tual Insurance Company, of New Orleans, to apply the amount of taxes hereafter paid the State in excess to the payment of any taxes that are now or may hereafter become due."

Unfavorably on petition of W. J. Grady and

Favorably on petition of Female Orphan As-

sociation of Baton Rouge,

Your committee return, without action, the following bilis and petitions, and recommend their reference to the Committee on Appropriations, viz:

1. Petition for the relief of James Carville.

2. House bill No, 88,

"An act to provide for the payment of services rendered the Board of Assessors for the State of Louisiana and city of New Orleans.

3. Petition of Johnston Armstrong for payment of an amount claimed to be due him by

the State.

4. House bill No. 148,

"An act for the relief of the estate of L. C Maclin, and making an appropriation for said purpose."

Your committee also return without ac-

House bill No. 128,

"An act for the relief of H. McCan, of the parish of Orleans,"

And ask its reference to the Committee on Militia.

The following claim and petition we report back to the House, for action, as we find it im-

possible to pass upon them, to wit:
1. Claim of E. Wood Perry to recover expenses, etc., incurred as State Commissioner to the Paris Exposition, and recommend that

Mr. Perry be heard in explanation.
2. Petition for the relief of Jas. McK. Rich-

House bill No. 83, "An act for the relief of the heirs of Wm. P. Harper, deceased, late civil sheriff for the parish of Orieans."

Respectfully submitted B. F. JENKINS, Chairman.

Mr. Hammond offered the following reso-

lution: Resolved. That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby instructed to pay out of the contingent fund the sum of one hundred dollars to

the reporter of each daily paper that has reported the proceedings of this House.

Ordered to lie over under the rules.

Mr. Hammond also offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of Louisiana, That the chairman of the House Committee on Contingent Expenses be and is hereby authorized to pay the two experts and one stenographer employed by the joint-pecial counnittee on State Printer's ac-counts; provided, the charges for said ser-vices are in accordance with the charges allowed in the district courts of the parish of Orleans.

Under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was referred to the committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. Lyons, chairman on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

Your Committee on the Judiciary has the honor to report-

Favorably on

Senate bill No. 36, entitled

"An act to authorize the wardens of the Church of St. Louis to transfer the property thereof," etc.

Favorably on

Senate bill No. 8, entitled

"An act to provide for supplying loss of public documents by burning of court-house of Grant parish.

Senate bill No. 49, entitled

"An act to repeal section 3923 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana,

Favorably on Senate bill No. 34, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 16, 1878."

Unfavorably, by a majority, on

House bill No. 147, entitled "An act for the further protection of life by the use of telegraphs, in connection with railroads."

Favorably on

"Concurrent Resolution creating a committee to report on the report of the Secretary of State in regard to the late vote on the constitutional amendments."

Favorably on Senate bill No. 67, entitled

"An act providing for the continuance of cases in the courts of this State," etc.

Respectfully submitted. T. B. LYONS, Chairman. Mr. Jeffries, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, New Orleans, Japua y 30, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the Honse of Representatives: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the following bills, beg to report as follows:

House bill No. 37, re urned without action. On Senate bill No. 71, favorably, and your committee do recommend its passage.

Your committee further report the follow-

ing bill, entitled
"An act to prescribe the conditions upon

which suits affecting the public revenue or public moneys may be prosecuted," etc., And beg to recommend its passage.

Very respectfully, JAMES JEFFRIES, Chairman Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate bill No. 100, was taken up and under a suspension of the rules and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Senate bill No. 100, entitled

"An act for the relief of the heirs of Charles M. Conrad, deceased."

Mr. Lyons moved a suspension of the rules in order to allow the committees to be called upon for reports.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Liddell, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Corporations beg to submit the following report:

They have considered House bill No. 46, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact 'An act to amend and ro-enact an act to incorporate the town of Providence, etc., approved March 4, 1878,"

And report favorably on the same. On

Senate bill No. 30, entitled

"An act to amen and re-enact section 7 of of an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the town of Jeannerette in the parish of Iberia,

They report favorably, with amendments, striking out the last four lines in section 1.

Your committee also report favorably on Senate bill No. 75, entitled

An act to amend and re-enact the title and sections 2 and 20 of act No. 71, approved March 11, 1878, entitled 'An act granting corporate privileges to the inhabitants of the town of Napoleonville, in the parish of Assumption, and to provide for the government of the affairs thereof."

Also report favorably on Senate bill No. 50, entitled "An act to amend the charter of the Crescent Mutual Insurance Company of New Or-

Your committee also ask to return House

bill No. 138, without action. Your committee further report favorably,

with amendment, on Senate bill No. 44, being

"An act to incorporate the town of New Iberia, in the parish of Iberia, fix its boundaries, provide for the government of the same, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws inconsist nt herewith."

They also report favorably, with aniend-

ment.

Senate bill No. 54, being
"An act to incorporate the town of Frankn, in the parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana; to fix its boundaries, to provide for its government and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Your committee also report that they have

considered

Senate bill No. 47, being

"An act to incorporte the town of Donald-sonville, to fix its boundaries, to provide for its government, and to create a mayor's court for the same,"

And report the same favorably with amendments.

Respectfully submitted, M. J. LIDDELL,

Chairman Committee.

Mr. Hammond, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Contingent Expenses, submitted the following reports:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Contingent Expenses, to whom were referred various resolutions from the House, have the honor to report as follows:

Unfavorably on the resolution of Mr. Hart, increasing the salaries of the porters of the House, and recommending in lieu thereof the following substitute:

That the chairman of the House Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby ordered to pay the sum of two dollars per diem to each of the seven porters employed in the service of the House during the session of 1879 for time actually served.

On the resolution of Mr. Taylor, referring to the clerk of the Sergeunt-at-Arms, your com-mittee report favorably with the following

amendments, to-wit:

Strike out the word and figures "January 13" and insert in lieu thereof the word and figure "January 6;" and also, after the words "at the rate of," strike out the figure "5" and insert in figure "5" and insert in figure "4" and strike out the name of the clerk, "Adam Schmitt," and leave the space to be filled by the word "the."

On the resolution of Mr. Hart, referring to the pay of the policemen employed in the service of the House, your committee report favorably, with this proviso, that the same shall not be paid if the said officers are actually receiving their pay from the city as policemen.

On the resolution of Mr. Redon, concerning the late Sergraut-at-Arms, your committee report favorably, in comformity with the provisions of the law of 1878, act No. 42 of

that year's regular session.

And, in addition, your committ-e also recommend the adoption by the House of a resolution for the pay of two experts and one stenographer, employed by the special joint committee to investigate the accounts of the State Printer; provided, the said pay is scaled in accordance with the law regulating such premises and now in force in the district courts of Orleans. Respectfully,
J. D. HAMMOND,

Chairman House Committee on Contingent Expenses.

On motion of Mr. Hammond the resolution offered by Mr. Taylor relative to the pay of Adam Schmitt, clerk of the Sergeant-at-Arms, was taken up under a suspension of the rules.

The amendment offered by the Committee on Contingent Expenses was adopted on the motion to adopt the resolution as amended.

Mr. Ryland called for the year and nays. pending which call the Senate was announced. JOINT SESSION.

A message having been received from the Senate informing the House that that body was ready to meet the House in joint session, as required by law, to ballot for a United States Senator,

The House being ready to receive the Senate, the President and members of that body were announced.

The General Assembly was called to order by Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and the roll being called, the following Senators answered

Messrs. Breaux, Benners, Bowden, Bryant, Cage, Cahen, Delahoursaye, Dueros, Ellis, Fontenot, Garland, Harding, Harper, Herron, Kelly, Kenner, Merkel, Mitchell, Norwood, Perkins, Richardson, Sandiford, Scanland, Steven, Stabbs, Sutton, Texada, Wailes, Wells, Wheeler, Williams, Zacharie. Steven,

Thurty-two Senators present.

The roll of the House being called, the following named members answered to their names:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Armstong, Armauld, Barthelmey, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bord, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Tensas, Brown of Jeffer-son, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cordill, Cunningham Davidson of Coleman, Corfull, Cumingham Davilson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Deuir, Pupaty, Ducote, Durio, Frazier, Frtzgerald, Gearey, Guldry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hassam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Je kins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Pannelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Warmoth, Watson, Wels., Wise, Young.

Eighty-nine members present.

The President of the Senate announced that the object of this joint session of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana was to ballot for a United States Senator to represent the State of Louisiana for the term beginning March 4, 1879.

The following nominations were made:

Mr. Murrell, of Madison, nominated Hon. H. C. Warmoth, of the parish of Plaquemines. Mr. Texada nominated Hon. B. F. Jonas, of

the parish of Orleans.

The roll of the Senate was called, when

Senators Bryant, Cage, Cahen, Delahoussaye, Gla, Harper, Landry, Stamps, Sutton and Wheeler voted for the Hon. H. C. Warmoth-10 votes.

Senators Breaux, Benners, Bowden, Ducros, Ellis, Fontenot, Garland, Harding, Herron. Kelly, Kenner, Merkel, Mitchell, Norwood, Perkins, Richardson, Sandiford, Scanland, Steven, Stubbs, Texada, Wailes, Wells, Williams and Zacharie voted for the Hon. B. F. Jonas-25 votes.

The roll of the House was called, when

Messrs. Barthelmy, Board, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Domas, Detiege, Decuir, Ducote, Frazier, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Murrell, Smith of St Mary and Veazey voted for the Hon. H. C. Warmoth-19 votes.

Messrs. Moncure, Armstrong, Arnauld; Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Carter, Coco, Cordill, Cousin, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Durio, Fitzgerald, Gearey,

Guidry, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Warmoth, Watson, Welsh, Weightman, Wise and Young voted for the Hon. B. F. Jonas-74 votes.

Total vote, 128; necessary to a choice, 65 votes.

The President of the Joint Assembly declared Hon. B. F. Jonas duly elected as Senator from the State of Louisiana for the term of six years, beginning March 4, 1879.

On the motion of Mr. Jeffries a committee of three Senators and five members of the House was appointed to notify Mr. Jonas of his election, and to invite him to address the General Assembly.

The President appointed Senators Texada, Stubbs and Stamps, and Representatives Jeffries, Brent, Arnould, Warmoth and Decuir.

Mr. Jonas being introduced addressed the Joint Assembly.

The address being concluded, on the motion of Mr. Garland the joint session adjourned sine die.

AFTER JOINT SESSION.

The call of the roll was dispensed with. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER, L New Orleans, January 31, 1879. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following: Senate bill No. 35, entitled "An act to define and prevent vagrancy,"

and to prevent the commission of crimes misdemeanors and other breaches of the peace," etc.
Very respectfully,
JOHN CLEGG,

Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER. New Orleans, January 31, 1879, To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in

House bill No. 103, entitled

"An act to repeal act No. 25 of the Legislature of 1868, entitled 'An act to increase the revenues of the State and to authorize the incorporation and establishment of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, and to repeal certain acts now in force; also to abolish the Louisiana State Lottery Company; also to repeal act No. 9 of the Legislature of 1874, entitled 'An act relative to the unlicensed sale

of lottery tickets in the city of New Orleans, and conferring on police courts the power to suppress the same; also to repeal Act No. 10 of the Legislature of 1874, entitled 'An act relative to crimes and offenses; to declare the sale of illegal lottery tickets, or the drawing of any illegal lottery a misdemeanor, and to provide for the punishment of the same, and to regulate the evidence to be received upon the trial of such offenses; also to pro-hibit lotteries and the sale of lottery tickets; to make it a misdemeanor to set up or promote lotteries or to sell lottery tickets, or aid therein directly or indirectly; to provide punishment therefor, and to regulate the evidence to be received upon the trial of such offences." offenses.

With an amendment as annexed to the bill. very respectfully, JOHN CLEGG,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Demas, by unanimous consent, called House bill No. 144,

"An act for the relief of the New Orleans and Texas Railroad, reducing the assessment thereon, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Mr. Lyons moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The motion to refer was lost:

On the motion of Mr. Demas the bill was ordered to be taken as engrossed.

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Demas moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill finally passed, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. Hill

Senate bill No. 92,

"An act for the relief of John, Lucy, Kate and Minerva Hays, the minor children of the late Harry T. Hays,"

Was taken up and under a suspension of the rules was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On the motion of Mr. Pope

House bill No. 143,

"An act to authorize the lessees of the State Penitentiary to anticipate the payment of rents owing and to become due,"

Was taken up on its second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Penitentiary.

The amendment of the committee was

adopted, as follows:

Add at the end of section 2 the words, "payable out of the general fund."

Mr. Ryland offered the following amendment:

Insert at the end of section 1, "And of the obligations of the State given in payment of said indebtedness now due an equal propor- also in line 28 by striking out the capital let-

tion of them shall be issues of the years 1877 and 1878, respectively."

On the motion of Mr. Pope section 3 was amended by inserting the enacting clause.

The previous question was ordered, and on motion of Mr. Pope the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered to be considered as engrossed.

Pending the further motion of Mr. Pope. that the rules be suspended in order to place the bill on its third reading, the special order was called for, being

House bill No. 160.

result:

Mr. Pope moved that the special order be postponed until after the bill before the House be disposed of.

On the motion to suspend the rules to put the bill on its third reading the yeas and nays were called for, with the following

Yeas—Messis. Arnauld, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of Tensas, Carville, Coco, Coleman, Davidson of Red River, Demas, Dupaty, Ducote, Durio, Estopinal, Frazer, Guidry, Hammond, Hawkins, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Jeffries, Jones, Lauer, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Clatborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Redon, Sbarp, Scratchley, Stechmann, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Torrey, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton—49. Vidrine, Walton-49.

Nays—Messrs, Barthelmy, Bridger, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Davidson of Iberville, Detiege, Decuir, Liddell, Murrell, Mc-

Elroy, Reaney, Ryland—13.

The House refused to suspend the rules. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The special order of the day being House bill No. 160,

"An act to provide for the speedy collection of State taxes and licenses, and city taxes and licenses in the parish of Orleans; to provide for jurisdiction of the district courts, and to divest justices' courts of jurisdiction in tax and license cases; relative to the duties of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, tax collectors, and the State Auditor; prescribing certain duties and fees; relative to the remission of penalties and forfeitures; the receipt of evidences of debt for city taxes; and the duties of the Civil Sheriff for the parish of Orleans in the collection of taxes,"

Was taken up under the favorable report, with amendments, from the Committee on City Affairs.

The bill was read section by section.

Section 1 was adopted.

Sestion 2 was amended by striking out in line 7 the words "and licenses;" also, in line 24 by striking out the capital letter "O" and inserting the capital letter "P" in lieu thereof; ter "P" and inserting the capital letter "Q" in lieu thereof; also, by striking out the words "or license" in lines 36 and 37.

On the motion of Mr. Bower section 2 was further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Provided, that all suits instituted hereafter by the city of New Orleans or the State of Louisiana for the revovery of any tax imposed or other duties levied in accordance with and in which they or either of them has recovered judgment, the said corporation shall be exempt from all liabilities for sheriff's and clerks' costs, actual expenses incurred by virtue of instruction of the proper city officers excepted."

On the motion of Mr. Bienvenu section 3 was amended by striking out from line 1 down to the word "said" in line 9, and by inserting the word "that" before the word "said;" also, by striking out all after line 15 to the end of the section.

On the motion of Mr. Rabouin section 5 was amended by inserting after the word "taxpayers" in line 9: "Provided, that in no case shall the sheriff be entitled to receive his fees unless the whole amount of tax (State or city) be paid, and in case he should receive his fees without collecting the whole amount of tax (State or city), he and his sureties shall be liable for the full amount of the tax."

Section 5 was further amended, on motion of Mr. Brent, by inserting in line 28, after the word "semi-monthly," the words "one to the Auditor of Public Accounts and one."

On motion of Mr. Cunningham section 6 was amended by striking out all after the word "place" in line 17, down to the word "nothing" in line 20.

Mr. Cunningham offered an amendment to section 9 by striking out the lines 40, 41, 42, 43, and the word "act" in line 44.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Cunningham moved to amend in line 46 by striking out the word "July" and inserting the word "December."

On the motion of Mr. Brent the section was amended by inserting in line 2, after the word "due," the words "the said city."

Also,

By inserting in the line 11, after the word "taxes," the words "due the said city,"

Also,

In line 28, by inserting after the word "taxes," the words "due the said city."

Also,

By striking out in line 15 the word "metropolitan."

amended by inserting after the word "keeplng, in line 22, the word "and."

Also,

By striking out the word "etc.," and by adding the following proviso:

"Provided, that in all suits instituted hereafter by the city of New Orleans or the State of Louislana for the recovery of any tax imposed, or other duties levied, in accordance with and in which they or either of them has recovered judgment, the said corporation shall be exempt from all liabilities for sheriffs' and clerks' costs, actual expenses incurred by virtue of instructions of the proper city officers excepted; provided also, that no costs and fees shall be payable except out of the taxes collected in the particular cases where such costs and fees may accrue."

Mr. Jeffries moved to amend in section 6 by striking out from the word "that," in line 2. to the word "all," in line 8.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Hill moved a suspension of the rules to consider the bill engrossed.

By a rising vote of 44 yeas to 19 nays the rules were suspended.

On the motion of Mr. Hill this bill was made the special order of the day for Saturday, February 1, immediately after the reading of the journal.

At 4 o'clock p. m. the House took a recess, in accordance with the motion of Mr. Hill, amending the previous order of the House. until 7:30 o'clock.

After Recess.

The House was called to order by Speaker Moncure. Present:

Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Coco, Coleman, Dupaty, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Guldry, Or Jenerson, Carron, Carreet, Coco, Coleman, Dupaty, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Guidry, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hawkins, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jenkins, Jones, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Mixon, McElrov, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Robeson, Sharr, Smart, Scratchley, Stechmann, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylox, Torrev, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Warmoth, Watson, Welsh, Wise, Young.

Sixty-one members present.

Mr. Lott, rising to a question of privilege, stated that the original copy of

House bill No. 35,

"An act to provide for the appointment of additional police jurors for the parish of East Carroll."

Had been misplaced, and asked the unani-On the motion of Mr. Bower section 10 was | mous consent of the House that an authentic copy be substituted therefor and accepted as the bill of the House.

Consent was granted.

The bill was read for the information of the House, with the amendment attached thereto. and ordered to be sent to the Sanata for concurrence in lieu of the original bill mislaid.

Mr. Billieu offered the following resolution:

Resolved. That by local bills on the calendar it is intended that the parishes shall be called in their order, and as each parish is called the local bills of said parish shall be considered.

Mr. Murrell moved to lay the resolution of Mr. Billieu on the table.

The motion was lost, and under suspension of the rules the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Brent,

House bill No. 140.

"An act to incorporate the Donaldsonville Free Bridge Company, in the parish of Ascension; to confer on it certain ferry privileges; to enable it to build and maintain a free bridge over the Bayou Lafourche, with the authority to levy and collect toils, and make regulations to provide for the punishment of persons interfering with rights of company; to grant it certain rights in relation to judicial suits and appeals; to repeal an act entitled 'An act granting ferry privileges to Max Shonberg and Wm. Murrell, their heirs and their assigns, across the Bayou Lafourche, at Donaldsonville, Louisiana,' approved March 16, 1870; to provide for any suit growing out of said repeal, and for other purposes in relation to the premises,"

Was taken up on its second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Corporations, and under a suspension of the rules, on the motion of Mr. Brent, the bill was

considered as engrossed.

Mr. Brent moved that the rules be suspended to put the bill on its third reading and final passage.

On this motion Mr. Murrell called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas-Speaker Moncure, and Messrs. Ar-Yeas—Speaker Moncure, and Messis, Ar-nauld, Brent, Bridger, Billiou, Bower, Coco, Dupaty, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Guidry, Gu-bernator, Hammond, Hay, Hill, Hite, High-tower, Holzhalb, Jones, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Mixon, McElroy, McKee, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Robe-con Pathand Sharn Smart, Scratchley, Steph-Soon, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Stechmann, Scott, Schumpert, Torrsy, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh, Wise, Young—50.
Nays—Mcs-rs. Burthelmy, Bienvenu, Decur, Hawkins, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary,

Veazey, Warmoth-8.

The motion to suspend the rules was carried.

Mr. Brent moved to reconsder the vote by which the bill finally passed, and on his own | passed.

motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hite,

House bill No. 161,

"An act to grant permi's to religious or benevolent organizations for holding entertainments of a charitable nature,"

Was taken up under the favorable report of the Committee on Charitable Institutions, and under a suspension of the rules, the bill was taken as engrossed, read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Warmoth moved to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 75, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact the title and sections 2 and 20 of act No. 71, approved March 11, 1878, entitled 'An act granting corporate privileges to the inhabitants of the town of Napoleonville, in the parish of Assumption, and to provide for the government of the affairs thereof."

Was taken up on its second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Corporations, was considered engrossed, rules suspended, read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill was laid upon the table.

On the motion of Mr. Pope,

House bill No. 143.

"An act to authorize the lessees of the State Penitentiary to anticipate the payment of rents owing and to become due,"

Was-taken up on third reading, on the favorable report of the Committee on Penitentiary.

Mr. Pope moved to suspend the rules in order to pass the bill.

By a rising vote of 47 yeas to 5 nays the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Pope moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill finally passed, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Coco called up

House bill No. 31,

"An act for the relief of the widow and children of G. P. Voorbies, late assessor of the parish of Avoyelle-,"

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Claims

The rule requiring the House to go into a committee of the whole was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Lyons, the bill was considered as engrossed, read a third time and The title was adopted.

Mr. Lyons moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final 4 a-sage of the birl, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Liddell ealled up House bill No. 93,

"An act changing the time for holding the sessions of the Supreme Court at Opelousus and Monroe to the first Monday in July and June, and fixing the return day for appeals from the parishes of Ouachita, Morehouse, Catahoula, Caldwell, Franklin, Richland, Jackson, Union, Winn, Webster, Lincoln, Claiborne, Bienville, St. Landry, Calcasieu, Cameron, Vermillion, Lafayette, Iberia, St. Mary and St. Martin, and repealing laws in conflict therewith."

The bill was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Liddell moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "Ouachita" in line 3, section 2, and also the word "Franklin" in line 4, same section, and inserting them in the same section, line 10, after the word "Bienville."

The amendment was adopted.

The bill was considered engrossed, rules suspended, read a third time and paseed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Liddell moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Nettles called up

Senate bill No. 23, entitled

"An act for the relief of John N. Lamon, of the parish of East Baton Rouge,"

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Claims.

The bill was taken as engrossed, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Nettles moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 127,

"An act to authorize Thomas L. Maxwell, late civil sheriff of the parish of Orleans, to sue the State."

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Claims.

The bill was considered engrossed.

The rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Bridger called up

House bill No. 124.

"An act to authorize the Merchants' Mutual Insurance Company of New Orleans to apply the amount of taxes heretofore paid the State in excess to the payment of any taxes that are now or may hereafter become due."

The bill was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Bridger the rule requiring the House to go into a committee of the whole was dispensed with.

The bill was considered engrossed, the rules were suspended, the bill read a third time, and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Bridger moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Walton called up House bill No. 79,

"An act to prohibit the drawing of a jury f r the spring or April term of the district court in and for the parish of Cameron."

The bill was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill was considered as engrossed, the rules were suspended and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Walton moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 158,

"An act to amend and re-enact section 816 of the Revised Statutes."

Was taken up on third reading under the favorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill was considered engrossed, the rules were suspended, the bill read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 100, entitled

"An act for the relief of the heirs of Charles M. Conrad, deceased,"

On motion of Mr. Gearey, was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Claims.

The rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Gearey moved to reconsider the vote on

the passage of the bill, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table. Senate bill No. 96, entitled

"An act to amend act No. 106 of 1873,"

On the motion of Mr. Lott was taken up on its first reading, the rules were suspended, was read a second time, and under a further suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time and passed,

The title was adopted.

Mr. Lott moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Torrey called up

House bill No. 44,

"An act to provide for the establishment of boards of medical examiners in the country parishes; to define their powers and to punish by fines or imprisoument, or both, any person who shall be found practicing medicine, or assuming the duties of a physician, without a certificate of qualification from said Board of Medical Examiners."

The bill was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Health and Quarantine.

Objections were made to further action on this bill at this time, as it was not a local bill.

By a rising vote of the House the bill was taken up.

Mr. Torrey moved to suspend the rules to consider the bill engrossed.

The motion was lost.

House bill No. 95,

"An act for the relief of A. B. Lesueur, assessor of the parish of Claiborne, for taking the census of said parish, and providing compensation therefor,"

On the motion of Mr. Hay was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Claims.

The bill was considered engrossed, the rules were suspended and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Hay moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 122,

"An act to amend and re-enact article 245 of the Code of Practice."

On motion of Mr. Martin, of Claiborne, was taken up on its second reading, under the favorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill was considered as engrossed, the rules were suspended and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Martin moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final passage of the blll, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

House bill No. 134,

"An act entitled 'An act to readjust the State Land Office; appoint a Register and chief clerk; to fix their salaries, and the time and manuer of paying said salaries; to define the powers and prescribe the duties of the Register; to fix the fees for certificates and patents, and disposition thereof; the price of lands and the disposition of the proceeds; duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts. State Treasurer, Attorney General and Governor; Register to sell school lands; fixing the price thereof and disposition of the proceeds; to provide for the payment of salaries and expenses incurred in the State Land Office, and to repeal act No. 38 of 1870 and act No. 21 of 1871, and all conflicting laws."

Was taken up on second reading.

Mr. Walton moved to amend in section 2 by striking out the words "twenty-five hundred" where it occurs, and insert in lieu thereof the words "two thousand."

In section 3 strike out "twelve hundred" where it occurs, and insert in lieu thereof the words "six hundred."

The amendments were adopted.

The bill was considered as engrossed, the rules were suspended, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Walton moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final passage of the bill, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 137,

"An act authorizing the Governor to confer notarial powers on John A. Croaker, of the parish of Orleans,"

On the motion of Mr. Potts, was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Railroads.

The bill was considered engrossed, the rules were suspended, the bill read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Potts moved to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 92, entitled

"An act for the relief of John, Lucy, Kate, and Minerva Haye, the minor children and heirs of the late Harry T. Hays, by the remission of State and municipal taxes on certain real estate in the city of New Orleans,

belonging to said heirs, for and during the time the said real estate was held by its purchasers at its confiscation sale; the said estate having been confiscated and sold under the confiscation laws of the United States as the property of said Harry T. Hays, and bought by Rufus Waples in 1865, and held by him until July, 1878, without paying the State or city taxes accruing on said estate during that time."

Was called up by Mr. Jenkins on its second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on claims.

The bill was read.

The rules were suspended, and the bill was rend a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Jenkins moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 51,

"An act amending act No. 80 of the extra session of 1877, re-organizing the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana; extending, defining and prescribing its powers and duties and those of quarantine and other officers under its control; revising and establishing the rates of quarantine charges and maintenance of quarantine; providing for its expenses; for the recording of births, deaths and marriages and the issuing of marriage licenses in the parish of Orleans; for the inspection of live stock and meats in the slaughter-houses in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson and St. Beinard; prescribing the duties and obligations of masters of vessels and others arriving at quarantine stations; establishing penalties and remedies for the enforcement of this act and for violations of the same, and of the ordinances and orders made in pursuance thereof; and giving effect, as evidence, to certain certificates of quarantine physicians, and to the sanitary ordinances of the city of New Orleans and the Board of Health,"

Was taken up on second reading, under the favorable report of the Committee on Health and Quarantice, with amendments.

Mr. Bienvenu moved to strike out the

enacting clause.

Mr. Ryland moved to postpone the further consideration of this bill until to-morrow at 1 o'clock. The motion to postpone was carried.

Senate pill No. 101, entitled

"An act for the relief of George W. Dupre, State Printer."

Was taken up on first reading.

On the motion of Mr. Hammond the further consideration of the bill was postponed until 12:30 to-morre w.

House bill No. 165,

"An act to repeal section 1 of act No. 60 of the extra session, approved April 13, 1877. entitled 'An act for the protection of game animals and birds in the State of Louisiana in so far as the same applies to the parishes of Vernon, Caldwell, Rapides, Jackson, Winn and Claiborne,"

Was taken up on second reading, was considered engrossed, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Jones moved to reconsider the vote on the passage of this bill, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the

Senate bill No. 30,

"An act to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Jeannerette, in the parish of Iberia,"

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Corporations, with amendment.

The amendment was adopted, as follows:

Amend section 1 by striking out the last lines in said section, beginning at the word provided."

The rules were suspended, and the bill read

a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Liddell moved that the vote be reconsidered on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 43, entitled

"An act to authorize the Police Jury of the parish of Iberville to levy a special tax to pay its floating debt,"

Was taken up on second reading under the fivorable report of the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

The rules were suspended, and the bill was read a third time passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Carville moved to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was hid on the table.

Senate bill No. 66, entitled

"An act for the relief of the widow and lieirs of Eraste Mouton, deceased, Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District,"

Was taken up on second reading on the tayorable report of the Committee on Claims.

The rules were suspended, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill was laid on the table.

House bill No. 121,

"An act to authorize the Police Jury to

fund the floating indebtedness of the parish of St. Bernard; to verify the legality of said indebtedness and ascertain the amount, and to provide for the payment of the principal thereof; for a special tax for that purpose; and to limit the rate of interest on said indebtness, and to prohibit suits against said parish, except in certain cases,"

On motion of Mr. Lyons was taken up under the favorable report of the Committee

on Parochial Affairs.

The bill was considered engrossed, the rules were suspended and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Lyons moved that the vote on the final passage of the bill be reconsidered, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

House bill No. 104,

"An act entitled 'An act to provide for the removal of the seat of justice of the parish of Jefferson,"

On motion of Mr. Brown, of Jefferson, was taken up on its second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

The bill was considered as engrossed, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Brown moved to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. Ryland, the House adjourned until Saturday, February 1, at 11 o'clock a. m.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.

Twenty-Third Day's Proceedings.

House of Representatives, State of Louistana, New Orleans, Standay, February 1, 1879, The House was called to order at 11 o'clock a. m., Mr. Lyous in the chair. Present:

Messrs, Armstrong, Arnauld, rent, Billieu, Board, Bowe Bridger, Bower, Breal, Billien, Bereis, Garron, Carter, geois, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Coso, Coleman, Cousin, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Berville, Demas, Ducote, Fitzgert d, Gearey, Guidry, Gubernator, Hart, Hasam, Hill, Hite, Holzbalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, McElroy, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Pope, Ports, Reaney, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Sharp, Smart, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Tavlor, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Wise, Young. Bour-

Sixty-one members and a quorum.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tardy, of the Episcopal Church.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The following messages were received from the Senate:

> SENATE CHAMBER.) New Orleans, February 1, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your bonorable body that the Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate has signed duly enrolled

Senate bill No. 68, entitled "An act to enable the St. Charles Hotel Company to contract for a loan; to give proper security theretor,"

And to ask the signature of the honorable

Speaker thereto.

Respectfully, JOHN CLEGG.

Secretary,

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 1, 1879. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives: I am directed to inform your honorable

body that the Senate has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following: Senate bill No. 114, entitled

"Joint Resolution relative to the duties of the State Printing Board, and the app int-ment of a State Printer to fill a vacancy;"

And to inform you that the Senate has concurred in

House bill No. 159, entitled "An act to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 7 of act No. 96, extra session, 1877, and providing an annual assessment in the parish of Orleans. Very respectfully, JOHN CLEGG,

Secretary.

The special order of the day was called up, being House bill No. 160.

The special order was postponed ten minutes.

The unfinished business of the House was taken up, being resolution introduced by Mr. Cordill, as follows:

Whereas, the default of the January coupons on the State consels and the calling of a constitutional convention have excited much uneasiness in the public mind, and given rise to wild rumors of the intention to disregard the plighted faith of the State towards its creditors;

Be it resolved by the House of Representa-ves, the Senate concurring, That it is the intives, the Senate concurring, That it is the intention of the people of this State to pay all of its honest obligations, and in no respect desire to disregard the rights of parties or the guarding of the public honor, trusting to the good seuse and justice of their lawful creators to consider the unavoidable causes which have contributed to cripple the resources of the State for the time being, and to grant to the commonwealth such relief as the circumstances and the interests of all demand.

Mr. Brent moved to lay the resolution on the table subject to call.

On this motion Mr. Demas called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Brown of

Tensas, Carron, Carter, Coco, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Gearcy, Guidry, Hart, Hasaon, Hill, Holzbalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Lauer, Lyons, Martin of Claiborne, Mixon, Munday, McKee, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Renwick, Robeson, Riss, Sharp, Smart, Smith of Jack-

son, Scott, Schumpert, Torrey, Vidrine, Walton, Wise, Youn 2-47.
Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Board, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Deeuir, Ducot, Gubernator, Hawkins, Hite, Landry, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Murrell, Smith of St. Mary, Veazey, Watson

The resolution was laid on the table subject to call.

On the motion of Mr. Munday,

House bill No. 1,

"An act for the relief of delinquent taxpayers of the State of Louisiana."

Was taken up on second reading, under the unfavorable report of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The bill was considered as engrossed.

The rules were suspended, and the bill was read a third time.

On the final passage of the bill the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Armstrong, Barthelmy, Bienvenu, Board, Brown of Jeff-rson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Red River, Demas, Decuir, Ducote, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jenkins, Landry, Lauer, Lyons, Martin of Claicorne, Alarquez, Mixon, Munday, McKee, Nettles, O'Bryan, Mixon, Munday, McKee, Nettles, O'Bryan, Lauer, Lyons, Martin of Charles, O'Bryan, Mixon, Munday, McKee, Nettles, O'Bryan, Pope Potts, Reaney, Redon, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Reaney, Redon, Sharp, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Taylor, Vea-

Sharp, danger of the control of the Davisson of Toervine, Dupaty, Hammond, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Jeffries, Jones, Liddell, Lott, Martin of St. Lindry, Murrell, McElroy, Nealey, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Smart, Smith of St. Mary, Torrey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Wise—33.

The bill was passed.

Mr. Hill moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill finally passed, and on that motion the yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:

Yeas-Messrs. Armstrong, Bienvenu, Board, Yeas—Messrs. Armstrong, Bienvenu, Board, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Red River, Decuir, Ducote, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Gordon, Hawkins, Hill, Hite, Hightower, Holznalb, Jenkins, Landry, Lyons, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, McKee, Nettles, O'Bryan, Pope, Potis, Reaney, Redon, Robeson, Sharp, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Veazey, Warmoth, Welsh, Young—41. Welsh, Young-41.

Nays—Messrs, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bower, Bourgeeois, Brown of Tensas, Carron, Carter, Coco, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Dupaty, Guidry, Gubernator, Hammond, Hasam, Hay, Jeffries, Jones, Lauer, Liddell, Lott, Martin of St. Landry,

McEiroy, Nealey, Parmelee, Renwick, Ross, Ryland, Smart, Smith of St. Mary, Faylor, Torrey, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Wise—40.

The motion to lay upon the table prevailed. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The special order of the day for this day, being

House bill No. 169,

"An act to provide for the speedy collection of State taxes and licenses, and city taxes and licenses in the parish of Orleans; to provide for jurisdiction of the district courts, and to divest justices' courts of juri-diction in tax and license cases; relative to the duties of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, tax collectors, and the State Auditor: prescribing certain duties and fees; relative to the remission of penalties and forfeitures: the receipt of evidences of debt for city taxes. and the duties of the civil sheriff for the parish of Orleans in the collection of taxes,"

Was taken up on its third reading.

The bill was read a third time.

On the final passage of the bill, by a rising vote of 36 yeas to 37 nays, the motion to pass the bill was lost.

Mr. Billieu called up the report, as a privilege question, of the contested case of Lea vs. Watson.

Mr. Brent offered the following order:

Ordered, That bills and resolutions reported from the Senate shall be considered by preference over all other orders, except special assignments.

The order was adopted.

Mr. Bridger, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported as follows:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Enrollment report as correctly enrolled the following House bills:
House bills Nos. 29, 39 and 150,
R. D. BRIDGER, Chairman.

House bill No. 142,

"An act to impose a license tax upon trades, professions and occupations, for the benefit of the general fund tax, and to provide punishment and penalties for violations of the same; and to repeal act No. 26, of the extra session of 1878, approved April 27, 1878, and known as the Moffett Register Law,"

Was taken up.

On the motion of Mr. Jeffries the amendments of the Senate were concurred in.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked and obtained leave of the House to spread upon the journal his reasons why the Senate's amendment to paragraph 15 of this bill, No. 142, should not be concurred in, as follows:

1. It will drive out of the State fifteen or twenty companies now paying State licenses, in all involving a loss of about twenty thousand dollars to the State Treasury.

2. In driving out these companies a monopoly would be left to the local companies, whose objection to the agencies is because of the reduced rates offered by agencies, and not to the small amount of business they do.

3. The twenty-nine agency companies receive in fire premiums about \$270,000; they now pay State and city licenses of \$43,500, which is over 16 per cent tax on their income. The city companies, sixteen in number, pay \$24,000 licenses, and have an income of \$2,600,000, so that their license tax amounts to but 9-10 of 1 per cent on their income. The tax on agency companies is simply enormous.
4. The assertion that local companies pay

taxes on capital, and that agencies do not, would be an insult to the intelligence of this b dy for us to say that capital pays taxes no-

where, except where it is located.

5. There is no case on record where foreign companies have not paid, and promptly too, all honest losses made.

- 6. The twenty-nine foreign companies represent over \$100,000,000 of assets, well invested, and there is no company represented here whose stock is not at par or above; whereas, on the other hand, the sixteen local companies have not over \$5,000,000, and there are but two of those whose stock is at par or above, whilst some are as low as thirty-nine cents on the dollar. This move is made for the purpose of driving away agencies by excessive taxation.
- 7. Local companies have an average income of \$160,000, while agencies average but \$10,000. If the people of Louisiana can stand the driving away of these companies, and have their premiums in reased for the benefit of local companies, we must submit, but not without the earnest and solemn protest of all the representatives of the agency companies.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The special order of the day being Senate bill No. 51,

"An act amending act No. 80 of the extra session of 1877, reorganizing the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana; extending, defining and prescribing its powers and duties, and those of quarantine and other officers under its control; revising and establishing the rates of quarantine charges for maintenance of quarantine; providing for its expenses; for the recording of births, deaths and marriages, and the issuing of marriage licenses in the parish of Orleans; for the inspection of live stock and meats at the s'aughter-houses in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard; prescribing the duties and obligations of masters of vessels and others arriving at quarantine stations; establishing penalties and remedies for the enforcement of this act, and for violations of the same, and of the ordinances and orders made in pursuance thereof; and giving effect as evidence to certain certificates of quarantine physicians, and to the sauitary ordinances of the city and the Board of Health,"

Was taken up.

Mr. Bienvenu moved to strike out the enact-

Mr. Ryland moved to lay the motion of Mr. Bienvenu on the table.

The motion to lay the motion of Mr. Bienvenu on the table was lost.

Question recurring on the motion of Mr. Bienvenu,

Mr. Hawkins called for the previous ques-

The call for the previous question was seconded by the House.

On motion to strike out the enacting clause, Mr. Ryland called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

with the following result:
Yeas—Messrs. Barthelmy, Billieu, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Bourgeois, Carron, Carville, Como, Coleman, Cousin, Demas, Detiege, Decuir, Dupaty, Frazier, Fitzzerald, Gearey, Hasam, Hawkins, Hite, Holzhalb, Lauer, Lott, Martin of St. Landry, Marquez, Mixon, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, Parmelee, Redon, Robeson, Scratchley, Steehmann, Scott, Veazey, Walton, Welsh—33.
Nays—Messrs. Arnauld. Brent, Bridger, Coco, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Ducote, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Landry, Liddell, Lyons, Munday, Nealey, O'Bryan, Pope, Potts, Reaeney, Renwick, Ryland, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Torrey, Vanee, Vidrine,

ney, Renwick, Ryland, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Warmoth, Wise—29.

The motion to strike out the enacting clause was carried.

Mr. Demas moved that the vote just taken be reconsidered, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,)

New Orleans, February 1, 1879. To the Honorabl-Speaker and Members of the House of Represe tatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed and asks for your concurrence to the following:

Senate bill No. 6, entitled
"An act to amend and re-enact sections 2 and 4 of an act approved March 11, 1878, entitled 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authorize the company to make its mortgage bonds and secure them by a first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pledge of said mort-gage bonds to the State, and the term thereof, and to regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds.

Also, to inform you that the Senate concurs

House bill No. 108,

An act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State government for the year ending December 31, 1879,"

With amendments as annexed to the bill. Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary.

House bill No. 108,

"An act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, 1879, and to exempt the moneys appropriated to the Charity Hospital from seizure,"

THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL,

Was taken up, and the amendments of the Senate thereto were read, as follows:

In line 12, for Governor's messenger and or the 12, for Governor's messenger and porter, strike out "\$720," and insert "\$1000."

After line 21 add, "for salary of registration and record cierk of Secretary of State for the year 1879, \$800."

After line 68 insert, "for the salary of five clerks for the State Auditor's office, when necessary, \$5000."

In line 88 str ke out the word "the" and insert the word "two."

In same line add the letter "s" to the word

"keeper.

In line 90, after "\$600," add the word "each," so as to make it read, "for the salary of two keepers of the State-House, \$600 each, \$1200." In line 101 strike out "\$5000" and insert "\$10,000," so as to make it read: "For contin-

gent expenses of the Governor, \$10,000."
In line 110, strike out "\$1500" and insert "\$2500," so as to make it read: "For contingent expenses of the Secretary of State, two thousand and five hundred dollars (\$2500)."

JUDICIARY.

In line 133 strike out "\$25,500" and insert "\$29,000," so as to make it read: "For the salary of district attorneys, twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000)."

After line 165 add, "to be distributed equally pro rata among the veterans who prove their claims in accord with existing laws."

In line 228 strike out "thirty thousand dol-

lars.

In line 256 strike out "or" and insert "and." In line 286 strike out "three" and insert "five."

In line 289 strike out "three hundred thousand" and insert "five hundred thousand (\$500,000.)"

After line 346 add, "to be paid out of swamp land fund.

Strike out lines 363, 364 and 365 relative to Attorney General's office.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the general fund of the year 1879 to pay the actual traveling expenses, per diem and contingent expenses of the General Assembly of Louislane for the second General Assembly of Louislana for the session commencing January 6, 1879, as hereafter provided.

SEC 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That seventeen thousand dollars, out of the amount appropriated for the various purposes of the General Assembly, shall be set apart to pay the actual traveling expenses and per diem of Senators, the salaries of the officers and employees of the Senate and the contingent expeuses thereof, for the regular session of

1879. Be it further enacted, etc., thirty-eight thousand dollars, remaining of the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars appropriated in section 1 of the General Assembly's various purposes, shall be set apart to pay the actual traveling expenses and per diem of

the Representatives, the officers and employees of the House and the contingent expenses thereof, for the regular session of 1879.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., 1 hat whenever funds are needed to pay the actual traveling expenses, per diem of members and the contingent expenses of the General Assembly, should there be no money at the time in the treasury for the purpose, the respective commiltees of the two houses on contingent expenses shall issue their vouchers or certificates in due form, detailing the items for which money is required, as allowed in sections 2 and 3 of this act, on the Auditor of Public Accounts, to be countersigned and approved by the presiding officer of the body in whose favor the said vouchers or certificates are issued, and it shall be the duty of the Auditor thereupon to issue his warrants on the Treasurer for the amounts therein mentioned, stating in his warrants that the same are issued under the appropriation for the payment of the actual traveling expenses and per diem of members and contingent expenses of the General Assembly, and that all warrants issued under the provisions of this section shall be recrivable for the general fund tax and all State licenses payable in 1879.

By Mr. Stubbs Amend title to House bill No. 108, "further providing for the payment of the actual traveling expenses and per diem of members and contingent expenses of the General Assembly, for the session commencing January 6, 1879, and making warrants of same receivable for general fund taxes and licenses for the year 1879."

By Mr. Garland-To section 1, House bill 108: In line 260 insert "ten per cent," and erase in same line the word "all," and all the words in lines 261, 262, 263, 264. By Mr. Breaux-

To section 1, House bill 108: Strike out "\$2000" and insert "\$5000" in lines 366, 367, 368.

JOHN CLEGG,

Secretary of the Senate.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendments, except as to the proposed new sections 5, 6 and 7, which were not concur ed

The amendment to the title was not concurred in.

The last named amendment was not concurred in.

On the motion of Mr. Pope a committee of conference was asked for by the House on the disagreeing votes of the House and Senate on the foregoing amendments.

The Speaker appointed on said committee of conference on the part of the House, Messrs. Pope, Liddell, Ryland, Vance and Murrell.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

New Orleans February 1, 1879. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of R presentatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in House bill No. 96, entitled

"An act to repeal act No. 5 of the extra session of 1878," etc.

Respectfully JOHN CLEGG, Secretary.

The bill was passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Hill moved to reconsider the vote on the finally passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

At 3:30 o'clock p. m. the House took a recess until 7:30 p.m.

After Recess.

The House was called to order by the Speaker at 7:30 o'clock p.m. Present:

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Dupaty, Durio, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Cubernstor, Hammond, Hart, Hasam Frazier, Frizgeraid, dearey, cumity, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hawkins, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Landry, Lott. Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Mixon, McElroy, Nealey, Netties, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Potts, Reaney, Renwick, Robeson, Sharp, Stech-mann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Yeazey, Vidrine, Hart, Hart, Holzhalb, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Schumpert, Torrey, Vanco Warmoth, Watson, Young.

Sixty-six members present.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, February 1, 1879.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened:

I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of Hon. W. A. Strong, Secretary of State, together with the annual report of the State Librarian. Very respectfully

FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS, Governor.

On the motion of Mr. Walton the last vote

on the final passage of

House bill No. 160,

"An act to provide for the speedy collection of State taxes and licenses, city taxes and licenses in the parish of Orleans; to provide for jurisdiction of the district courts, and divest justices' courts of jurisdiction in tax and license cases; relative to the duties of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, tax collectors and the State Auditor; prescribing certain duties and fees relative to the remission of penalties and forfeitures; the receipt of evidences of debt for licenses and taxes, and the duties of the civil sheriff for the parish of Orleans in the collection of taxes,"

Was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Hill the bill was taken up. Mr. Hill moved that the bill do now finally pass.

On this motion Mr. Jeffries called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Biennu, Bower, Brown of Jefferson, Carter, arville, Coco, Cousin, Decuir, Dupaty, itzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Hart, Hawkins, venu, Carville, Carvine, Coco, Cousin, Decuir, Dipary, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Hart, Hawkins, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Marquez, Mixon, Munday, Murrell, McElroy, Nettles, Parmelee, Potts, Redon, Sharp, Scratshley, Stechmann, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Veazey, Waynett, 26 Warmoth—36.

Warmoth—36.
Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Billieu, Bourgeols, Carron, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Detiege, Ducote, Durio, Gubernator. Hite, Jeffries, Jenkins, Landry, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Nealey, O'Bryan, Pope, Robeson, Ryland, Smart, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Watson, Wise—35.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, February 1, 1879. To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate agrees to conference on House bill No. 108, the general appropriation bill; also to inform you that the President of the Senate has appointed as a committee of conference on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Kenner, Stubbs and Stamps.
And that the Senate has passed the accom-

panying

'Concurrent Resolution, Protesting against the interference by the Federal government with the internal affairs of the State of Louisiana,

And requests your concurrence in the same. Respectfully JOHN CLEGG, Secretary.

Mr. Bridger, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT) and Engrossment, New Orleans, February 1, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Enrollment beg leave to report as correctly enrolled . House bill No. 103,

"An act to abolish the Louisiana State Lottery Company," etc.

R. D. B IDGER, Chairman Committee on Enrollment.

The chairman of the several committees of House were requested, through the Speaker, by the Chief Clerk of the House to turn over to him all bills in their hands.

Mr. Warmoth offered the following resolu-

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and is hereby directed to pay the Hon. H. S. Gilmore his mileage and per diem, as contestant for the seat as Representative of the parish of Plaquemines.

The resolution was lost.

a Joint Resolution, as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That the State government is fully equal to the discharge of the duties for which governments are organized, the protection of life, liberty and property. That the interference of the general government in our internal affairs is a reflection upon our civilization, a reproach to republican government, and calculated to engender bit-terness and strife by intermeddling with domestic affairs, which can well be adjusted by the people interested before the constituted

authorities of the State.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be furnished our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, to be presented to their respective houses.

Mr. Lyons moved that the Joint Resolution

be taken up and considered.

Under a suspension of the rules it was passed to its third reading.

On the motion to concur in the Joint Resolution, Mr. Lyons called for the previous question.

The previous question being seconded, it was put to the House as follows: "Shall the Joint Resolution be adopted?

The yeas and nays being called for, resulted as follows:

Yeas-Hon. J. C. Moncure Speaker, Messrs. Armstrong, Arnauld, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bower, Carron, Carter, Coco, Cun-ningham, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, ningham, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Durio, Gearey, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Nealey, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Schumpert, Paylor, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Welsh, Wise, Young—60. man., Taylor, Tor Wise, Young-60.

Nays-Messrs. Barthelmy, Carville, Davidson of Iberville-3.

The resolution was adopted.

The title was adopted, and notice of concurrence was ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. Murrell asked and obtained leave of the House to file his protest against the concurrence by the House in the above entitled Senate bill, as follows:

I offer my protest against the passage of this bill at this time, and desire that the same shall be spread upon the minutes.

I protest against the passage of this resolution and against all bills, resolutions or acts before this House at the present time; and against all bills, resolutions or acts passed since the introduction of the following

passed since the introduction of the following resolution on January 27, 1879:

Mr. Brent offered the following resolution: Ordered by the House, That immediately after reading and approving the journal after to-morrow morning, it will proceed to consider and dispose of its general calendar, and

Mr. Watson called up Senate bill No. 107, that all special orders for that day be postponed and made good for the next day there-

Ordered further, That in considering the general calendar no member shall speak on a bill more than once, and then not exceeding five minutes, except he be a member of the committee which reported upon the bill, or be in charge or the mover of the same.

Ou the motion of Mr. Lyons, by a rising vote of 48 years to — nays, the resolution was

laid on the table, subject to call.

On the motion of Mr. Brent the resolution was subsequently taken up, and under a suspension of the rules, by a rising vote of 50 yeas to 10 nays, the resolution was adopted. The above resolution is in direct conflict

with article 42 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana, and all action by this House (relating to bills) is illegal.

That article reads as follows:

Art. 42. No bill shall have the force of a law until on three several days it be read in each house of the General Assembly, and free discussion allowed thereon, unless four-fifths of the house where the bill is pending may deem

it expedient to dispense with this rule.

The law is plain. No bill shall have the force of a law until on three several days, etc., unless four-fifths of the house where the bill is pending may deem it expedient to dispense this rule.

I claim that free discussion has not been allowed on the various bills passed since the adoption of the resolution introduced by Mr. Brent.

I claim that the constitution was framed with a desire of protection against just such

legislation.

I claim that article 42 was made for the express purpose of preventing the enactment of laws, without a full understanding on the part of the house in which they were being considered.

I claim that the intent of article 42 was that each separate bill should be read on three several days, and that free discussion should be allowed at each and every reading. been the case. Bills have Such has not been brought before the House and the members most interested have been gagged by this resolution. The constitutional pro-vision has been ignored, and the action of this General Assembly since the adoption of that resolution has been a farce.

No lawful legislation has been consummated, and the very bill for payment of our mileage and per diem is illegal. Beneficial legislation for the State has been retarded. Important measures, which were in the interest of economy, retrenchment and reform, have been silently shelved; measures predominant for the protection of the lives of our citizens against the ravages of contagious diseases have been floored to-day amidst the jeers of a weak majority.

And on this the closing day of the session I must protest, as I have yet to see one single act in the interest of that great hobby-retrenchment and reform-in the retrenchment of expenses, which was so radi-cally proclaimed on the stump by the Democratic orators.

Yes! They have retrenched. They have dug trenches for the brokers to bury their spoils in. They have called a new constitutional convention in order that they may

feather their own nests anew from the now deplorably picked goslings of the poor goose which is said to lay the golden eggs for the citizens of Louisiana, and which is emblazoued

on the seal of this State as a pelican.

Retrenched! Yes, you have retrenched by pretending to legislate for the people of Loupretending to legislate for the people of Lou-islana since Monday last. Yes, you have re-trenched yourselves, and the people will not regret when the last clod falls upon such a monstrosity. The resolution was unconsti-tutional. And I now assert that it is my be-lief that it is the free privilege of any citizen to act in conformity with the old laws which were in force and had not been repealed pre-vious to the passage of the resolution introvious to the passage of the resolution intro-duced by Mr. Brent, as all action relating to bills wherein free discussion has been debarred is null and void.

WM. MURRELL.

Mr. Hart moved that the rules be suspended and the House proceed to call the calendar of local bills by parishes.

By a rising vote of 39 yeas to 32 nays the House refused to suspend the rules.

Mr. Warmoth moved that the House take up Senate bills, to be called alphabetically by parishes.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Pope, chairman of House committee on conference on Senate amendments to

House bill No. 108,

"An act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, 1879, and to exempt the moneys appropriated to the Charity Hospital from seizure,'

Submitted the following report

ROOMS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, New Orleans, Februa y , 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Mer bers of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee of Conference on House bill No. 108 respectfully report that the Senate recede from the amendment to section 1. section 1,

That the House concur in the Senate amendments known as sections: 6, 7 and 8, and recommend further that the umbers be changed, so as to read sections 4, 6 and 7.

Also recommend that the House concur in

the amendment offered by the Senate to the

Respectfully,

On part of the Senate, N. W. POPE, On part of the House.

D. F. KENNER,

The report was read.

And on the motion of Mr. Pope to adopt, by a rising vote of 55 yeas to 13 nays, the report was adopted.

Mr. Lyons called up the case of Charles E. Lea, contesting the seat of J. Muse Watson.

Mr. Warmoth moved that this question of contest be postponed indefinitely.

The Speaker ruled that this was a question of privilege, and a right that a member had to call up at any time, subject to a decision of the House.

On the motion of Mr. Brent the contested election case of Lea vs. Watson, by a rising vote of 45 yeas to 25 nays, was laid on the table subject to call.

On the motion of Mr. Hill the House proceeded to the election of two members on the Printing Board.

Mr. Bridger nominated Dr. Ryland.

Mr. Wise nominated J. S. Billieu:

Mr. Brent nominated Mr. Arnauld. Mr. Redon nominated Mr. Parmelee.

A ballot was had therefor, and resulted as follows:

Messrs. Arnauld, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Fitzgerald, Gordon, Gubernator, Hurt, Hasam, Hill, Holzhalb, Jenkins, McElroy, Redon, Scratchley, McKee, Stechman, Schumpert, Taylor, Warmoth and Watson voied for the Hon. S. F. Parmelee-21 votes.

Messrs. Barthelmy, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Demas, Decuir, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Jenkins, Jones, Liddell, Lyons, Murrell, Nettles, Parmelee, Pope, Reaney, Renwick, Sharp, Smart Steehm inn, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Taylor, Torrey, Veazey, Warmoth and Young veted for Hon. R. H. Ryland-43 votes.

Messrs. Arnsuld, Barthelmy, Brent, Board. Bourgeois, Carron, Carter, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Demas, Decuir, Dupaty, Durio, Frazier, Geardy, Guidry, Hammond, Hart, Hawkins, Hay, Hite, Hightower, Jeffries, Jones, Lott, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Mar quez, Mixon, Nettles, O'Bryan, Potts, Rabouil, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Smith of St. Mary, Vance, Vidrine, Walten, Watson, Weightman and Wise voted for the Hon. J.S. Billieu-49 votes.

Messrs. Brent, Bridger, Brown of Jefferson, Carron, Carter, Coco, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Durio, Hammond, Hasam, Hill, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Liddell, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, Murrell, McElroy, McKee, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Scott, Torrey, Vance, Veazey, Vidrine, Walton, Weightman, Wise and Young voted for Hon. L. Arnauld—47 votes.

Under a suspension of the rules the resolution relative to the pay of reporters of newspapers was called up by Mr. Hammond.

Mr. Hammond moved that the resolution be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Hammond to adopt the resolution, Mr. Detiege called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs Arnault, Barthelmy, Brent, Billieu, Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, De-mas, Deenir, Dupaty, Frazier, Fitzgerald, denerson, Carvine, Ceo, Coino, Comanal, De-mas, Deenir, Dupaty, Frazier, Flizgerald, Gordon, Hammond, Hart, Hawkins, Hite, Holzhalb, Lott, Martin of St. Landry, Mar-quez, Murrell, McElroy, Parmelec, Potts, Rabonin, Reaney, Redon, Scratchley, Stech-mann, Smith of Jackson, Scott, Veazey, Wal-ton, Warmoth, Weightman, Wise, Young 43 Navy-Sneyker, Moneure, and Messas

Nays—Speaker Monenre, and Messis. Bridger, Carron, Cirter, Cunningham, Die idson of Red River, Davidson of Aberville, Deliege, Durio, Goarey, Gubernator, Hay, Hightower, Jones, Liddell, Lvons, Martin of Glaborne, Mixon, Nottles, O'Bryan, Pope, Renewick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Smith of St Mary, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Watson—33.

The resolution was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and is hereby instructed to pay out of the contingent fund the sum of one hundred dollars to the reporters of each daily newspaper that has reported the proceedings of this House.

On the motion of Mr. Hammond the rules were suspended for the consideration of a series of resolutions reported by the Committee

on Contingent Expenses.

First-Substitute for the resolution offered by Mr. Hart, as reported by the Committee on Contingent Expenses, was taken up and read

as follows:
Resolved, That the chairman of the House Committee on Contingent Expenses be and is hereby ordered to pay the sum of two dollars per diem to eath of the seven porters em-ployed in the House during the session of 1879, for time actually served.

On the motion to a log t the resolution, Mr. Lyons called for the yeas and nays, with the

following result:

following result:
Yeas—Messis. Arnauld, Barthelmy, Brent,
Bienvenu, Board, Bower, Bourgeois, Brown of
Jefferson, Carron. Carter, Carville, Coco,
Como, Coleman, Davidson of Red River, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Decuir, Dunaty,
Frazier, Fitzgerald, Gearey, Guidry, Hammoud, Har', Hisam, Hawkins, Hite, Holzhalb, Jeffries, Jones, Lott, Marquez, Mixon,
Murrell, McElroy, McK-e, Nettles, O'Bryan,
Parmelee, Potts, Raboum, Reaney, Redon,
Robeson, Sharp, Scratchley, Stechmann.
Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott,
Schumpert, Veaz-y, Vidrine, Walfon, Warmoth, Watson, Weightman, Wise, Young—60.
Navs—Messis. Bridger, Cunningham, Durio, Gubernator, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Jenkins, Liddell, Lyons, Martin of Claiborne,
Pope, Renwick, Ross, Ryland, Smart, Torrey, Vance—18.

Pope, Kenwards, Vance—18.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Warmoth moved to suspend the rules in order to take up

Senate bill No. 6,

"An act to amend and re-enact sections 2 and 4 of an act approved March 11, 1878, entitled 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railroad Company."

On the motion to suspend the rules,

By a rising vote of B yeas to 30 nays, the motion to suspend the rules was lost.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, I New Orleans February 1, 1879.

To the Honorable Sceaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in House bill No. 143, entitled

"An act to authorize the lessees of the State Penitentiary to anticipate the payment of rents owing and to become due." House bill No. 98, entitled

"An act changing the time for holding the

sessions of the Supreme Court," etc.

House bill No. 158, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact section 816 of the Revised Statutes."

House bill No. 127, entitled

"An act to authorize Thos. L. Maxwell, late civil sheriff of the parish of Orleans, to sue the State.

House bill No. 31, entitled

"An act for the relief of the widow and children of G. P. Voorhies, late assessor of the parish of Avoyelles."
Also, that the Senate asks your concur-

rence in

Senate bill No. 61, entitled

"An act to incorporate Young America Fire Company No. 3 of the city of New Orleans, And to inform you that the Senate will be eady to adjourn sine die at 12 o'clock mid-Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

SENATE CHAMBER,) New Orleans, February 1, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in House bill No. 152, entitled "An act making appropriations to cover deficiencies of former years, to be paid out of the revenues of such years," with amendments annexed to the bill.

Also to inform, you that the Senate general

Also, to inform you that the Senate concurs in and has adopted the report of the committee of conference on House bill No. 108, the

general appropriation bill.

Respectfully JOHN CLEGG, Secretary.

Mr. Pope called up the deficiency bill, House bill No. 152,

"An act making appropriations to cover deficiencies of former years."

Mr. Warmoth moved that the House adjourn.

On this motion Mr. Murrell called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Bridger, Board, Bourgeois, Brown of Jeff rson, Carville, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Frazier, Genrey, Haw-rins, Hill, Liddell, Murrell, Potts, Veazey—

16.
Nays—Speaker Moncure and Messrs, Arnauld, Barthelmy, Breat, Billieu, Bienvenu, Carren, Cumingham, Davidson of Red River,
David Ducote, Durio, Fitzgerald, Demas, Decuir, Ducote, Durio, Fitzgerald, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hightower, Holzhalb, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hightower, Holzhald, Jeffries, Jenkins, Jones, Lott, Lyons, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Claiborne, Marquez, Mixon, McElroy, McKee, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Rabouin, Reaney, Redou, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Scratchley, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Schumpert, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Warmoth, Watson, Weightman, Wise, Young—62.

The motion to adjourn was lost.

Consideration of House bill No. 152 was resumed.

On the motion of Mr. Pope, the amendments of the Senate were read, as follows:

1. Appropriation to pay Henry Meyer for State taxes erroneously paid by him, and paid into the State treasury for the year For the year 1875 \$37 69
For the year 1875 41 24

respectively.

2. Appropriation to the State Board of Immigration to reimburse money borrowed from E. A. Burke for expenses of immigration to Louisiana, six hundred and nineteen dollars, \$619, out of the general fund, to be paid upon the warrant of the president of said board out of the general fund of 1873.

Strike out, in line 30, the word "ten" and insert "five."

3. Strike out, after line 61, the item referring to appropriations for State assessors.

4. To the item appropriating school funds add: "Provided further, that the above specified amounts shall be taken out of the school fund apportioned to New Orleans."

5. In line 110 strike out the ligures "200" and insert "400."

8. Insert in section 1 of the bill the following

appropriations: For the payment of clerk of registration

in the year 1877.....

payable out of the general funds of the re-

spective years. 9. Appropriation to pay estate of L. C. Maclin, for judgment for coal and wood furnished

the State, out of the general revenues of 1875, nine hundred and six dollars) \$ 906).

10. Appropriation to pay estate of L.C. Maclin, for judgment for coal and wood furnished the State, out of general fund of 1876, \$1241. 11. In line 111 strike out "1200" and insert

"2400." 12. Add as an additional paragraph:

For deficit in contingent expenses of the office of State Superintendent of Public Education for the years 1877 and 1878, \$680.

13. Appropriation to pay Chas. W. Boothby

for unpaid salary in 1876 out of the general fund of that year, but to be paid only upon the order and with the approval of the State Superintendent of Public Education, \$1000.

On the motion of Mr. Warmoth the House refused to concur in the amendments, and asked from the Senate a committee of conference. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Pope, Hill, Wise, Bower and Veazey.

Mr. Jones called up

Senate bill No. 8, entitled

"An act to provide for the supplying of the loss of public records and other papers consumed by the burning of the court-house in the parish of Grant."

The bill was taken up on second reading, under the favorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Ryland moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the final passage of the bill, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 106, entitled

"An act for the relief of J. V. Calhoun,"

Was taken up on second reading under the favorable report of the Committee on Claims.

The rules were suspended and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Mr. Reaney moved that the vote on the final passage of this bill be reconsidered, and on his own motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 35, entitled

"An act to define and prevent vagrancy, and to prevent the commission of crimes, misdemeanors and other breaches of the peace; to provide for the arrest and detention of vagrants and suspicious persons; and to empower the city of New Orleans and o her municipal corporations to establish and regulate houses of detention for such persons,"

Was taken up on its first reading.

On a motion to suspend the rules to put the bill on second reading,

Mr. Detiege called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Barthelmy, Brent, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Bower, Carter, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Durio, Fitzgerald, Gearcy, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Hart, Hasam, Hay, Hill, Hightower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Liddell, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Christian Hay, Hill, Hightower, Jeffries, Jenkins, Liddell, Martin of St. Landry, Martin of Clai-borne, Marquez, Mixon, Nettles, O'Bryan, Parmelee, Pope, Potts, Rabouin, Reaney, Redon, Renwick, Robeson, Ross, Ryland, Sharp, Smart, Stechmann, Smith of Jackson, Schum-pert, Torrey, Vance, Vidrine, Watson, Wise, Young—52. Nays—Messrs, Arnauld, Bourgeois, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Como, Coleman, David-son of Iberville, Domas, Detiege, Frazier, Hawkins, Hite, Murrell, McElroy, Scratchley, Smith of St. Mary, Warmoth—17.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

> SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 1, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in the following

House bill No. 171, entitled

"An act ceding to the United States the dominion (jurisdiction) over all levees constructed or repaired by the United States in the State of Louisiana.

House bill No. 169, entitled

"An act to enable the people and school board of West Carroll to bring suit for certain property and funds "
House bill No. 104, entitled

"An act to provide for the removal of the seat of justice of the parish of Jefferson." Respectfully

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary.

Mr. Cunningham called up

Senate bill No. 6, entitled "An act to amend and re-enact section 2 of act approved March 11, 1878, entitled 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authorize the company to make its mortgage bonds and secure them by a first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pledge of said mortgage bonds to the State, and the terms thereof, and to regulate the use of the proceeds of

said State bonds." This bill was taken up on its first reading. Mr. Cunningham moved to suspend the rules to place the bill on second reading.

On this motion Mr. Demas called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Hon. J. C. Moncure, Speaker, and Messrs. Arnauld, Brent, Board, Bourgeois, Carron, Carter, Cunningham, Davidson of Red River, Dupaty, Durio, Gearey, Guidry, Gordon, Gubernator, Hammond, Harr, Hasam, Hawkins, Hightower, Holzhalb, Jefries, Jenkins, Jones, Lott, Martin of St. Landry, Mixon, Murrell. McKee, Parmelee, Potts, Re-

Mixon, Murrell. McKee, Parmelee, Potts, Redon, Robeson, Ross, Sharp, Scratchley, Smith of Jackson, Schumpert, Vance, Vidrine, Walton, Warmoth, Watson—43.

Nays—Messrs. Barthelmy, Bridger, Billieu, Bienvenu, Brown of Jefferson, Carville, Coco, Como, Coleman, Davidson of Iberville, Demas, Dettege, Decuir, Frazier, Fitzgerald, Hay, Hite, Liddell, Lyons, Martin of Claibone, Marquez, McElroy, Nettles, O'Bryan, Rabouin, Reaney, Renwick, Ryland, Smart, Stechmann, Smith of St. Mary, Scott, Torrey, Young—34.

Young-34.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost. House bill No. 32,

"An act to authorize T. A. Flanagan to sue the State,"

On motion of Mr. Lyons, was taken up.

Mr. Lyons moved that the House concur in the amendment of the Senate.

The amendment was read, as follows:

In section 1, line 11, insert after word "State," the words "for services rendered as special counsel in certain suits against the Board of Liquidation."

The amendment was adopted.

Senate bill No. 6.

"An act to amend and re-enact section 2 of act approved March 11, 1878, entitled 'An act to authorize the loan of State bonds to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company; to provide means for the payment of the principal and interest; to authorize the company to make its mortgage bonds and secure them by first mortgage of present and future property; to provide a pledge of said mortgage bonds to the State, and the terms thereof, and to regulate the use of the proceeds of said State bonds,'

Was called up.

Mr. Warmoth moved that the bill be laid on the table.

Carried.

Senate bill No. 14, entitled

"Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, returning the thanks of the people of Louisiana to those citizens of the other States of the Union, and of foreign countries, who contributed to the relief of the Louisiana sufferers from the yellow fever epidemic of 1878,"

Was taken up on first reading.

The rules were suspended and the bill was read a second time.

Under a further suspension of the rules, the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

Senate bill No. 85, entitled

"An act to authorize the mayor and selectmen of the town of Plaquemines to provide for funding the floating indebtedness of said town; to verify the legality of said indebtedness, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest thereof by a special tax for that purpose, and to limit the rate of interest on said indebtedness,"

Was called up, and on motion of Mr. Billieu

was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Jeffries moved that a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker to inform the Governor that the House would adjourn at 12 o'clock midnight, and that the House awaits any further communications from his Excellency.

The motion was carried, and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Jeffries, Cunningham and Warmoth on said committee.

Mr. Billieu called up

Senate bill No. 98,

"An act for the relief of David Kelly."

The bill was taken up on its first reading. Mr. Billieu moved to suspend the rules to

place the bill on its second reading. Mr. Walton moved to postpone the bil

indefinitely. By a rising vote of 43 years to 23 nays the bill was indefinitely postponed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Lyons, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, reported as follows: To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representa ives:

Your Committee on the Judiciary have the honor to report on sundry bills, petitions and

memorials referred to it, as follows: Unfavorably by majority on House bill No. 146, entitled

"An act to provide for the recording of

births, deaths and marriages," etc. Favorably by majority on House bill No. 166, entitled

"An act to protect the health of the city of New Orleans," etc.
Unfavorably on

House bill No. 149, entitled

"An act to repeal sections 1 and 5 of act No.

118 of 1869," etc., For the reason that its provisions are covered by House bill No. 166, reported above.

Favorably on Senate bill No. 84, entitled

"An act to authorize F. Huguet to sue the State."

Unfavorably on

House bill No. 34, entitled

"An act to amend section 1 of act No. 23 of 1878.

House bill No. 117, entitled

"An act to authorize B. Bloomfield to sue the State," and recommend that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims.

House bill No. 85, entitled

"An act providing that priority of registry shall give preference to privileges.

House bill No. 33, entitled "An act regulating costs.

Statement of contingent expenses of the Attorney General.

T. B. LYONS, Chairman.

Mr. Jenkins, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Claims, reported as follows:

> ROOMS COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS, New Orleans, January 31, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the Hous of Representatives:

Your Committee on Claims having had under consideration the following bills, petitions, etc., beg leave to report as follows,

Favorably on

Senate bill No. 23,

'An act for the rellef of John H. Lamon, of the parish of East Baton Rouge.

Favorably on

Senate bill No. 92.

"An act for the relief of John, Lucy, Kate, and Minerva Hays, the minor children and heirs of the late Harry T. Hays, by the remission of State and municipal tax-s on certain real estate in the city of New Orleans, belonging to said heirs, for and during the time the said real estate was held by its purchasers at its confiscation sale; the said estate having been confiscated and sold under the confiscation laws of the United States as the property of said Harry T. Hays, and bought by Rufus Waples in 1865, and held by him until July, 1878, without paying the State or city taxes accruing on said estate during that time.

Favorably on Senate bill No. 100,

"An act for the relief of the heirs of Charles M. Conrad, deceased.

Favorably on Senate bill No. 66,

"An act for the relief of the widow and heirs of Eraste Mouton, deceased, Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District."

Favorably on Senate bill No. 74,

"An act for the relief of James Llulla, and appropriating the sum of seven hundred dol-Ers (\$700).

Favorably on Senate bill No. 86,

"An act for the relief of Antoine Dubuclet. and appropriating the sum of one hundred and forty-three dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$143 89).

Favorably on

Senate bill No. 72, "An act for the relief of Geo. W. Lee, of Orleans and appropriating the sum of \$25 80, erroneously paid into the State treasury." Favorably on

'Memorial of Mrs. C. Bourke, praying for

relief. Your committee return without action the petition of J. J. Gidiere, and ask its reference to the Committee on Militia.

Respectfully submitted, B. F. JENKINS, Chairman.

Mr. Hammond, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Contingent Expenses called up the report of that committee.

The report was read, as follows:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Contingent Expenses, to whom were referred various resolutions from the House, have the honor to report as follows:

Unfavorably on the resolution of Mr. Hart, increasing the salaries of the porters of the House, and recommending in Leu thereof the

following substitute:

That the chairman of the House Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby ordered to pay the sum of two dollars per diem to each of the seven porters employed in the service of the House during the session of 1879 for the time actually served.

On the resolution of Mr. Taylor, referring to the clerk of the S rgeant-at-Arms, your committee report tavorably, with the following

amendments, to-wit:

Strike out the word and figures "January and insert in lieu thereof the word and figure "January 6;" and also, after the words "at the rate of," strike out the figure "5" and insert in lieu thereof the figure "4," and strike out the name of the clerk, "Adam Schmitt," and leave the space to be filled by the word "the."

On the resolution of Mr. Hart, referring to the pay of the policemen employed in the service of the House, your committee report ravorably, with this proviso, that the same shall not be paid if the said officers are actually receiving their pay from the city as policemen.

On the resolution of Mr. Redon, concerning the late Sergeant-at-Arms, your committee report favorably, in conformity with the provisions of the law of 1878, act No. 42 of

that year's regular session.

And, in addition, your committee also re-commend the adoption by the House of a resolution for the pay of two experts and one stenographer, employed by the special joint committee to investigate the accounts of the State Printer; provided, the said pay is scaled in accordance with the law regulating such premises and now in force in the district courts of Orleans.

Respectfully,

J. D. HAMMOND.

Chairman House Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Under a suspension of the rules, previously granted by the House, the first resolution reported by the Committee on Contingent Expenses was read, as follows:

Be it resolved by the House of Representa-tives, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and is hereby authorized to pay out of the contingent fund of this session the compensation due to two experts and one stenographer for their services rendered in the investigation of the accounts of the State Printer, provided said charges are scaled strictly according to the prices regulated by law for the district courts in and for the parish of Orleans.

The resolution was amended by striking out the words "two experts and," and by changing the word "their" next following to · the word "his."

The resolution was adopted as amended.

The second resolution was read, as follows:

Resolved. That the chairman of the House Committee on Contingent Excenses be and is hereby directed to pay to the clergyman officiating as chaplain to the House of Representatives, and to the private secretary of the houorable Speaker of the House of Representatives, each the sum of one hundred and sixty-two dollars, being their compensation, at the rate of six dollars per diem, for the regular session of 1879.

The resolution was adopted.

The third resolution reported by the Committee on Contingent Expenses was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay R.S. Landry, messenger of the House, the sum of

— dollars per day, for services during the current session of the General Assembly, including ten days from and after the final adjournment.

The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 4 was read, as follows:

Be it resolved by the House of Representa-tives of the State of Louisiana, That the chalrman of the House Compiltee on Contingent Expenses be and is hereby directed to pay two dollars a day each to L. C. Bower, doorkeeper of the Speaker's room, and to Michael Legras, the assistant doorkeeper of the House, for their services from January 6 to the close of the session.

The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 5 was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses is hereby authorized to pay to Pat. Rice and John Conover, policemen detailed at the State-House, the sum of one hundred dollars for services rendered.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hammond offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved. That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses pay J. T. Pecot, Esq., the same as any other clerk on the bench for services as assistant clerk.

The resolution was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following message was received from the Senate:

> SENATE CHAMBER, ! New Orleans, February 1, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of R presentatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate concurs in

House bill No. 53,

"An act to supply deficiency in appropriations of 1875 and 1876 for salaries of District Judges of the Seventh and Eighth District Courts, parish of Orleans."

Also, to inform your honorable body that the Senate agrees to a conference on House bill No. 152,

"An act making appropriations to cover de-

ficiencies of former years.

And that the President of the Senate has appointed as conference committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Texada, Stubbs and Stamps.

Also, to inform you that the Senate concurs

House bill No. 161, entitled

"An act to grant permits to religious or benevolent organizations," etc.

JOHN CLEGG, Respectfully, Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Jeffries, chairman, on behalf of the committee appointed to inform the Governor of the adjournment of the House, reported that his Excellency had nothing further to communicate to the House.

Mr. Pope, chairman, on tehalf of the committee of conference on

House bil! No. 152,

"An act making appropriations to cover deficiencies of former years, to be paid out of the revenues of such years,"

Submitted his report, as follows:

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your conference committee on House bill No. 152 recommend that the House concur in:

Senate amendment rejected heretofore, strike out, etc., and insert, etc.
2. That the Senate recede from its amount

rejecting House amendment, city assessor. 3. Recommend that the Senate recede from the third amendment rejected by the House, New Orleans School Board.

4. Recommend that the House concur in the fourth Senate amendment, rejected heretofore by the House, striking out "200" and inserting

"400,"
5. That the House recede from the fifth Senate amendment, which the House rejected,

clerk of registration.

That the House recede from its sixth ob-

jection to Senate amendment, Maclin.

7. That the House recede from its seventh objection to Senate amendment, mayor. 8. That the House recede from its eighth

objection, immigration.

That the House recede from its objection to ninth amendment objected to, Boothby.

A. N. POPE, On part of the House. L. TEXADA, On part of the Senate.

Mr. Hammond moved that the report be adopted.

The motion to adopt the report was carried. Mr. Warmoth called up

Senate bill No. 46, entitled

"An act to amend and re-enact 'An act to amend and re-enact "An act to incorporate the town of Providence," etc., approved March 14, 1878."

This bill was taken up on second reading, under the favorable report of the committee.

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time and passed.

The title was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The following messages were received from the Senate:

> SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 1, 1879.

To the Honorable Spenker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in

House bill No. 124, entitled "An a t to authorize the Merchants' Mutual Insurance Company of New Orleans to apply payment of taxes.

House bill No. 79.

"An act to prohibit the drawing of a jury for the spring or April term of the District Court in and for the parish of Cameron.'

Also, to inform your honorable body that the Senate has had under consideration, has concurred in and adopted report of the com-

mittee on conference on House bill No. 152, "Deficiency bill.

Respectfully JOHN CLEGG, Secretary.

SENATE CHAMBER, New Orleans, February 1, 1879.

To the Honorable Speaker and Memb rs of the House of Representatives:

am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate concurs in

House bill No. 47, entitled "An act to provide for the municipal budget or estimates of receipts and expenditures of the city of New Orleans; for the appropria-tion of moneys to be withdrawn; prohibiting a change in the destination of appropriated funds, making such change penal; providing for the order of paying claims appropriated by ordinances, and attaching a penalty to a violation of ordinances in the last mentioned respect."

Respectfully,

JOHN CLEGG, Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Lyons offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the House of Representatives be and they are hereby tendered to Capt. Edward Flood, late Sergeantat-Arms, for the assistance rendered by him in the organization at the opening of the present ses-ton. In severing his official connection with the legislative department of this State, in which he has served long and faithfully, he has left upon the minds of many hundreds of legislators and many thousands of stirious of Lavids are more of the server o sands of citizens of Louisiana an impression which can never be effaced. They have found in him a servant of the State who was always at his post of duty, always familiar with his difficult task, always prepared to perform his work efficiently and promptly, always maintaining thorough order in his department and always courteous and manly in his demeanor towards members and officers of the General Assembly and to the public. Wherever his duty may call him he will pear with him the assurance of the esteem and appreciation of all who have known him personally or officially.

The resolution was adopted,

On the motion of Mr. Ryland the thanks of the House were unanimously voted to the Speaker for the diligence, ability, courtesy and impartiality shown by him in the discharge of his laborious and responsible duties.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons the thanks of the House were tendered to all other officers of the House and to its clerks and employees.

Hon. Speaker Moncure addressed the House in reply, and at 12 o'clock midnight, in furtherance of the concurrent resolution of the Senate and House, and on the previous motion of Mr. Jeffries, which was carried, he declared the House of Representatives adjourned sine dte.

C. M. PEGUES, Chief Clerk.



